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CONSUL'S SPEECH ON SINO-UK RELATIONS

Sir Robert Urquhart addresses Shanghai ass'n UK'S CHINA TRADE

(Exclusive to the "China Mail")

"People everywhere are watching eagerly to see how China develops, and if in the human order of things mistakes are made, then they will be readily excused in view of the proofs which the new Government has already given of its admirable desire to seek progress on sound and just lines."

This statement was made by Sir Robert Urquhart, British Consul-General in Shanghai, in a speech before a crowded meeting of the Sino-British Cultural Association, according to arrivals from Shanghai.

Nehru says Goa must return to India

New Delhi, February 6.
The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, told Parliament today that the Portuguese possession of Goa "will have to come to India."
He made the statement, which was greeted with prolonged cheers, when asked whether his attention had been drawn to remarks made by the Portuguese Consul-General in East Africa that the merger of Goa with India would endanger Christianity, because India's population was mainly Hindu.

International rice conference in Bangkok

Rangoon, February 6.
Delegates from 14 countries today attended the opening here of the International Rice Commission's second annual conference.
The commission chairman, Prince Sitala Ram Kridakara of Thailand (Siam), told the Commission it must continue to be spurred to action by the rapid increase of the world's population. This, he said, had created a great need for food conservation.
Prince Sitala told the delegates they must not be discouraged because results were slow in coming. This, he said, was inevitable due to agricultural research, which was dependent upon the seasons of nature.
Final results, he declared, would prove of inestimable value to the human race, whose first requirement is food.
With flags of the United Nations forming a backdrop, the delegates were welcomed by Burma's newly appointed Minister of Agriculture, Bo Khin Maung Gale.
Today's session included statements from heads of delegations and reports by various committees established by the commission.
Countries represented were Australia, Burma, Ceylon, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, Thailand, the United Kingdom and the United States.
Also attending were observers from the World Health Organisation, the U.N. Economic, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), General Douglas MacArthur's Allied occupation headquarters in Japan, and the U.N. Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE). —Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0000 GMT (2 p.m. HKT) a moderate easterly breeze with rain or drizzle to the S. of Japan with a risk of high pressure extending Westwards across the Eastern Sea. A depression is forming over the Yellow Sea.
Today's Forecast: Light to moderate S.E. winds. Clouds with light periods. Rather warm.
Tomorrow's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.
Wednesday's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.
Thursday's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.
Friday's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.
Saturday's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.
Sunday's Weather: Mainly clear with light S.E. winds. Minimum 15°C. Maximum 25°C.

Secretary of Tram Union deported

Li Man-hoi, Secretary of the Tramway Workers Union, was deported yesterday under the Deportation of Aliens Ordinance.
The secretary's deportation followed that of the three Union officials who were deported on February 5.
The three other deportees were Lau Fat, Chairman of the Hong Kong Tramway Workers Union, and two other officials of the union, Chik Wan and Chou Cheung.
Li and the three other deportees were among those arrested by the police following the Russell Street clash on January 30.
Meanwhile the tramway workers said last night that they were prepared to go back to work but they insist upon resumption of talks after the service is resumed. (See page three)

"NY Times" sees Red pressure on HK increasing

New York, February 6.
A "New York Times" editorial, pointing out that Communist pressure on Hong Kong is increasing, said today:
"The Hong Kong honeymoon that was supposed to follow British recognition of the Communist regime in China is being postponed for a while. The Communist radio is now accusing the Hong Kong Government for its role in the island's trouble strike and the Communists are making it plain that they propose to put and keep pressure on the British to as great an extent as they can."
The British apparently assumed that the basic reason for establishing some sort of normal relations with the Chinese was the ending of the Communist blockade of the Canton-Kowloon Railway which would take the goods into Communist China is still interrupted by the Communists.

Nehru hits propaganda on Kashmir

New Delhi, February 6.
Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, today condemned the propaganda in Pakistan about Kashmir as "monstrous and scandalous in the extreme."
He added: "My patience is getting a bit exhausted with this campaign of calumny, often supported by the foreign Press."
Mr. Nehru, addressing his weekly Press conference, said that India had made it perfectly clear that she was prepared to lift the trade ban on South Africa if the South African Government suspended the action it took regarding Indians in South Africa.
Stating that every step taken by him regarding Kashmir was "dead right," Mr. Nehru, in a voice quivering with emotion, declared: "I stake my reputation on it, all that I have lived for and all my ideals."

Foreign Press

Mr. Nehru said: "There is far too much propaganda going on in the foreign Press and elsewhere of a most blatant lying kind, and attempts have been made to bring pressure upon us, more especially in regard to Kashmir."
"That pressure has the effect of making it clear that these questions are not being considered on merits but because of entirely different reasons," Mr. Nehru said.
"This method of international politics of bringing pressure to bear for other reasons is something which the Government of India has not learned to understand yet, and the people who run the Government of India have a record in the past for standing for what they consider to be right, regardless of the consequences, and they propose to do that in regard to Kashmir or any other matter."
"It is about time," Mr. Nehru said, that every single fact about Kashmir was brought into the 'baze of day.' —Reuter.

USS Boxer sails for Hong Kong

Yokosuka, February 6.
The U.S. aircraft carrier Boxer, accompanied by the destroyers Lamson and Anderson, sailed this morning for Hong Kong.
The Navy also announced that the heavy cruiser USS Toledo, flying the flag of Vice Admiral Berkeley, was to depart from Yokosuka for Guam on February 10. Admiral Berkeley came to Japan from South East Asia to meet the National Security Council members of the committee and represented at the meeting which made the decision today. —Reuter.

MME CHIANG VISITS THE FRONT

Taipei, February 6.
Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wearing a black and white uniform, accompanied by her son, Chiang Kai-shek, visited the front today within sight and sound of Communist guns.
She flew to Kungming Mountain in the Strait of Formosa to see the Nationalist defence forces which had been ordered to attack the Communist forces in the area.

Soekarno's visit to India



President Soekarno of the United States of Indonesia, accompanied by his wife, recently visited India. Among those who received him when he arrived at Wellington airport, Delhi, were the Governor-General, Shri Rajagopalachari, Premier Pandit Nehru, Health Minister Rajakumar, Amrit Kaur, and Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. Photo shows (left to right): Sheikh Abdullah, Mrs. Soekarno, Shri Rajagopalachari, President Soekarno, Rajakumar Amrit Kaur and Pandit Nehru. —A.P. photo.

HEAVY RAID ON S'HA

Chapei power plant hit; extensive damage to British property in previous raid

Taipei, February 6.
Fourteen heavy Nationalist bombers today pounded Shanghai in the heaviest air raid of the month.
The B-24 bombers, each carrying seven 500-pound bombs, attacked the Chapei power plant in Communist Shanghai. It was reported damaged heavily.

The Communists put up heavy anti-aircraft fire but all planes returned to Taiwan safely.

Damage to British property

Heavy damage was done to British property in a Nationalist raid on the port on January 25, the "China Mail" learns from an arrival from the North. A. glow of the Yee Tsong Tobacco Company (BAT) and a Shell depot in Pootung, were both virtually destroyed.
In addition, damage was done to the Shanghai Dockyards. Damage here was very small as three bombs which landed in the Dockyards failed to explode.
The Yee Tsong godown suffered four direct hits. So big was the explosion that a boiler in the godown was hurled more than 100 yards away, landing on a jetty.

The APC depot in Pootung was hit by more than 10 bombs. Shanghai official reports said that 400 buildings were destroyed in the raid, which took a toll of 400 casualties, including 70 killed. Forty-eight hours after the raid, relief workers were still excavating corpses from under piles of debris in the Nantao area, which was the main target of the raiders.

Workers killed

Five hours after the raiders' flight, Red 4's had disappeared. Two fires were still raging, one just opposite the former French Bund on the Pootung waterfront.
Many French Tramway workers were among those killed in the raid, during which at least 50 heavy bombs were dropped.
Some of the bombs fell in the Whampoo near the Butterfield and Swire wharf in the ex-French Concession.
The city's anti-aircraft defences put up an intensive barrage throughout the raid, and many pedestrians in downtown Shanghai had narrowly escaped from falling shrapnel.

One bomber was seen emitting a trail of white smoke towards the end of the raid, which began as hundreds of office workers were making their way home for lunch.
The attack was the first in about 10 days.

January 12 raid

News reaching Hong Kong from Shanghai said during a heavy Nationalist air raid on January 12, 22 were killed and 88 injured, and three British-owned properties and an unknown number of Chinese killed and wounded were hit. According to the damage to foreign-owned property was the heaviest since the Nationalist began their Shanghai attack after the Communist forces' withdrawal from the city.

Briton says Russia has the H-bomb

London, February 6.
The British editor who correctly predicted that the Soviet Union would set off an atomic blast in 1949 today said the Soviets already have made and exploded a hydrogen super bomb.
The editor, 40-year-old Kenneth de Courcy, editor of the monthly "Intelligence Digest" who claims to have sources of information on both sides of the Iron curtain.
"There is now evidence of Russia having already made an H-bomb," de Courcy asserted in a statement to the Press.
"She has in fact made three and exploded one of them," the statement declared.
De Courcy did not say when or where the purported hydrogen bomb was tested.

Previous prediction

De Courcy, in January, 1949, predicted Russia would attempt an atomic explosion that year. President Truman in September revealed there had been an atomic blast in Russia.
De Courcy, who claims to have an intelligence pipeline into Russia, said today the Soviet scientists will touch off a series of 11 more atomic blasts starting on March 3. He did not specify whether these would be hydrogen or atomic bombs.

He placed the site of the blast as "latitude 40 degrees 20-30 minutes North longitude 80 degrees 10-20 minutes East." This would be approximately at the border of the Soviet Asiatic republic of Kazakhstan. —Associated Press.

American policy in Germany

Stuttgart, February 6.
Mr. John McCloy, the United States High Commissioner in Germany, declared here today that there must be no German Army or Air Force.

German security would best be protected "by Germany's participation in a closely-knit Western European co-operation," he said in a major policy speech three days after his return from consultations in Washington.

Speaking at the opening of the new "Amerika Haus" here, he said he was "re-stating certain fundamentals of American policy in Germany."

These included:
Germany's "collective guilt" for the war Mr. McCloy said he expected "an end to the arguments of those Germans who not only deny their own guilt, also seek to place the responsibility for the consequences of that guilt exclusively on the shortcomings of other people."

The major problems now facing Western Germany, "in the months ahead, it is imperative that the German people, their leaders and Parliaments, deal with the problems of unemployment, of the refugees of the youth."

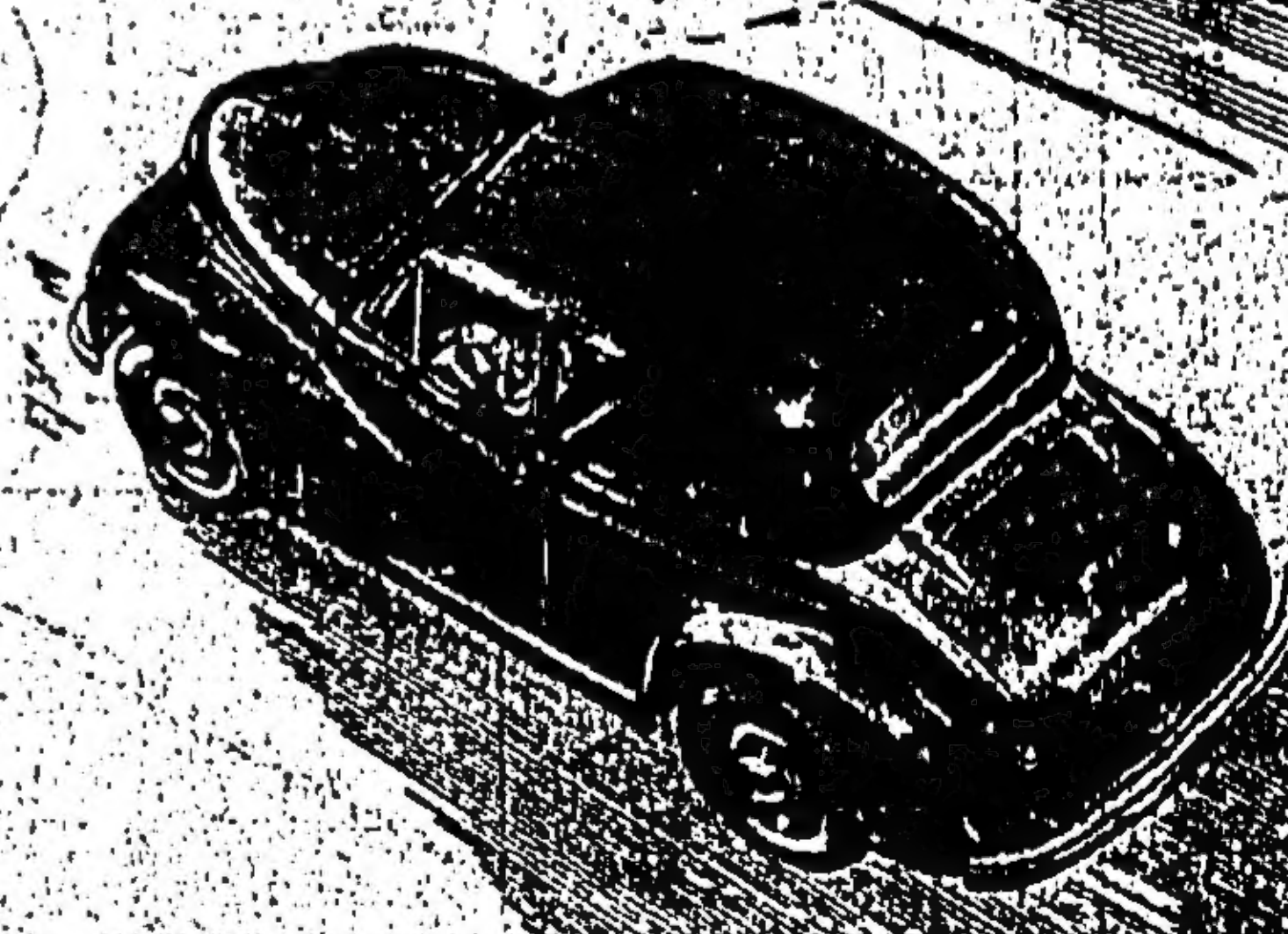
The German people should be integrated into a free Europe and should "when they and their governments have demonstrated their readiness and responsibility, share fully in free Europe's economic benefits and correspondingly assume its obligations."

The Saar, "a sensible, state-like solution can readily be found and far too much is at stake to permit this issue to become again the starting point for internal political manoeuvring leading only to embittered Franco-German misunderstanding," Mr. McCloy said. —Reuter.

Indian envoy's discussion with Stalin

London, February 6.
The Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Sir Sarva-palli Radhakrishnan, said in London today that he had had "a very frank discussion of the problems now facing the world" with Stalin before he left Moscow.

"I have no doubt," the Ambassador told the Press Trust of India, "that Stalin is very anxious to make no comment beyond saying that whatever happened, the two political blocs would always have to live together in the end."
"Even after a war," he added, "the same problems remain to be solved so why not tackle them now, instead of plunging the world into another holocaust?" —Reuter.



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No decision reached in conference between Tram Union, Police Commissioner

Reminders

Today

HK Council of Social Service annual general meeting, PRO lecture room, 5.30 p.m.

HK Rotary Club, luncheon, talk on "Electric Power Generation to the Steam Turbine" by Mr. F. F. Duckworth, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

HQLE Sergeants' Mess, Queen's Road, East, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

British Council lecture on "The Industrial Revolution, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

Cheero Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

Tec H meeting, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

International Affairs Study Group, talk on "Tientsin since the liberation" by Mr. A. S. Jenkins, Fung Ping Shan Library, HK University, 5.30 p.m.

British Council sponsored lecture on "Definition and Background," Council Library, 5.30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Kowloon Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, Luncheon at Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

HK Women's International Council, Dance for Servicemen, 7.30 p.m.

British Council documentary weekly film show, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Nine Dragons Services Club, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

Dancers make debut at Luna Park

A new phase in the Colony's night-club entertainment will be ushered in at the Skyroom Ballroom tonight when the Rich dance-troupe will make their debut in a series of spectacular numbers.

Mr. Al Richardson, the Skyroom manager, told the "China Mail" yesterday that the troupe was imported from the United States at considerable expense.

The Rich family, a well-known name in American theatrical and night-club circles, came to Hong Kong by air last week from Manila.

Their debut tonight forms part of a project conceived by Mr. Richardson to provide Hong Kong with novelty entertainment.

Ten days ago he flew to Manila to finalise plans which will link the Skyroom Ballroom with the Towers Night Club, famous Filipino dance hall, and the Hotel in Singapore.

The three establishments have entered into an agreement which in effect permits them to import excellent continental and American entertainment talent at reduced expense. What they have introduced is an entertainment circuit whereby artists will be exchanged between them.

When the Rich team completes its contract with the Skyroom Ballroom they will go to Singapore and artists who are at present appearing in Manila will replace them.

Mr. Richardson said that an American actress, Miss Joan Page, will be visiting Hong Kong on Friday, and will make personal appearances at the Skyroom on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Also booked is a famous dancer from Spain.

RHINESTONE-PEARL COMBS

Pearl, rhinestone, comb are now on sale at \$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 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TO LET

TO LET—New furnished apart-
ment, Repulse Bay area, one large
parlour/dining room, three bed-
rooms with two attached bath-
rooms, kitchen, garage, telephone
and all up-to-date conveniences.
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Ready for immediate occupation
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Apply Box 538 "China Mail".

FOR SALE

ARE YOU A MOVIEFAN? If so,
you will want to become a mem-
ber of the Amateur Cinema Lea-
gue of New York and receive the
"Movie Maker" magazine monthly.
Membership applications taken at
the FILM DEPT., Machine
House, 2nd Floor, 17-19, Queen's
Road, C., Telephone 22153.

DEPT. CHINA BROTHERS, with
"Electrolux" Electric Refrigerator
Floor, Wall and Bathroom
Heaters. Available leading dealers
and Grey's & Co. Ltd., York
Building, 1st Floor.

TONIGHT

International Affairs
Study Group
(Hong Kong)
AT 5.30 p.m.

At-Fung Ping Shan Library
(University of Hong Kong)
Bonham Road,
(No. 3 Bus Route)

A talk will be given on

TIENTSIN SINCE
THE LIBERATION—
AN AMERICAN VIEW

By Mr. Alfred J. S. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins has recently
arrived from North China.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE

A sum of money found in
Repulse Bay Lido at 3.30 p.m.
on September 25, 1949, still
unclaimed, will be returned to
finder unless, within seven
days hereof, the owner estab-
lishes a rightful claim. Claims
should be made to Western
Police Station.

COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE.

February 6, 1950.

NATURALIZATION
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that
MR. FRANCIS HUI SEK FYE
(許錫輝) of La Salle College
is applying to the Governor for
naturalization, and that any
person who knows any reason
why naturalization should not
be granted should send a
written and signed statement
of the facts to the Colonial
Secretary, Colonial Secretariat,
Hong Kong.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE

1st RACE MEETING—
11TH FEBRUARY, 1950

In view of the large entry
for the "Taiwan Bay Handi-
cup" it has been decided to
split the race into three sec-
tions. The third section will
be Race No. 10 and run at 6.15
p.m. or as soon after as prac-
ticable.

There will be no cash sweep
on this race.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG SOCIETY
FOR THE
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN



SUFFERING CHILDREN
Dr. F. I. Tsang
Chairman
China Building

Mr. Li Fook Wo
Hon. Treasurer
The Bank of East Asia, Ltd., H.K.

Isbrandtsen giving
up attempts to
break blockade

The Hans Isbrandtsen Company of New York has
abandoned further attempts to break the
Nationalist blockade to Shanghai, an infor-
mation source said yesterday.

Last week, it was confirmed that the ss. Flying In-
dependent, an Isbrandtsen ship which was
due to leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on
February 5, will now discharge cargo at
Tsingtao and Taku Bay, but not Shanghai.

According to reports, no other
Isbrandtsen ships are planning
to trade with Shanghai, though
the Company has chartered ad-
ditional vessels to increase trade
with North China ports.

One of these ships, the
Norland, of Italian registry, is
due to leave Hong Kong for
trade with the Soviet-controlled
Chinese port of Dairen.

This will be the first time that
an Isbrandtsen ship has traded
with Dairen since the Commu-
nists gained control of that port.

Reasons for the sudden
cancellation of trade with Shanghai
has not been officially stated, but
it is believed that the recent
failure of two Isbrandtsen ships
to break the blockade—and the
serious damage sustained by one
of the ships—played an impor-
tant part in deciding the ques-
tion.

Another important factor has
been the lack of State Depart-
ment and United States Navy
support.

The American State Depart-
ment has repeatedly warned the
Isbrandtsen Company not to
trade with Shanghai, and the
American Navy has been reluct-
ant to provide protection for the
Isbrandtsen ships on the high
seas, and has refused to offer
protection inside Chinese terri-
torial waters.

In addition, the State Depart-
ment has officially warned Is-
brandtsen masters that they
would possibly lose their licen-
ses if they took their ships into
Shanghai—which the State De-
partment has described as a
danger area.

However, in this matter, the
Isbrandtsen masters have ex-
pressed the intention of follow-
ing the instructions of their em-
ployers rather than the warnings
of the State Department.

During the past three months,
Isbrandtsen ships delivered
approximately 40,000 dead-
weight tons of cargo to Shang-
hai.

During the same period, two of
their ships have been detained
by Nationalist warships, and
three have been damaged while
attempting to break the Shang-
hai blockade.

It is believed that Isbrandtsen
ships will resume the trade when
the Company believes that the
blockade is no longer effective.

AMERICAN WAR
CLAIMS BENEFITS

The American Consulate Gen-
eral at Hong Kong will accept
preliminary applications for ben-
efits under the War Claims Act of
1948. It was officially announced
yesterday.

The benefits provide for payment
of US\$60 a month to each Ameri-
can citizen who was interned on
or after December 7, 1941 by the
Japanese in or en route to a
United States possession attacked
by Japan.

Members of the United States
armed forces who were held
prisoner by the Japanese after
December 7, 1941 may also file
claims for compensation for food
being supplied in deficient
amounts by the Japanese.

If the former interned or pris-
oner of war has died, claim may
be filed by his immediate rela-
tives.

The American Consulate Gen-
eral will supply further details
to anyone interested. Claimants
should contact that office as soon
as possible.

JANUARY'S
WEATHER

January was unusually warm.
It was officially stated yesterday.
Only in 1901 and 1905 has a
higher mean temperature been
recorded.

Although the maximum tem-
perature, 78.3° F., has been ex-
ceeded during four previous years,
the mean maximum of 69.5° F.
for the month creates a new high
record.

The temperature of 52.0° F. was
lowest recorded and is also re-
markably high, only 1001 and
1929 having figures above this
value.

These high temperatures are
connected with the fact that the
predominant wind direction was
East South-East instead of the
normal East-North-East.

The monthly figure and depart-
ures from normal were—
Sunshine: 171.9 hrs. (27.0 hrs.
above normal); Rainfall: 39.4 mm.
(7.0 mm. above normal); Cloud-
iness: 62 per cent (2 per cent be-
low normal); Relative Humidity:
89 per cent (4 per cent above
normal); Mean maximum: 69.5°
normal); Mean minimum: 52.0°
normal); Mean temperature: 61.7°
(4.2° above normal); Mean
minimum temperature: 52.0°
(4.5° above normal); Mean
maximum temperature: 78.3°
(1.3° above normal).

HKDF to take
part in tonight's
exercises

The Hong Kong Defence
Force has been called out to
take part in exercises which
begin tonight, Major E. G.
Pugh, Adjutant, told the
"China Mail" yesterday.

The exercises, called Exer-
cise Alabaster, will last three
days, but the Hong Kong
Regiment will only take part
in tonight's activities.

Major Pugh said a parade
of the Regiment will start at
6.15 p.m.

It will involve 300 men,
recruited from the ranks of
headquarters personnel, two
rifle corps, and the carrier
and signal platoons.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Owen-
Hughes, the Regiment's Com-
manding Officer, will lead the
parade.

The exercises is being cov-
ered by units of the Royal Navy,
Army and Royal Air Force.

The main object of the
exercise is to test units in
their Security role in aid of
the civil power outside the
built up areas on the island
and in Kowloon. Vehicle
checks will be made at all
times during the day and
night, and it is quite possible
that civilian vehicles may be
mistaken for military ones.

MYSTERY CARGO
OF BULLION
IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, February 6.
Police with Sten guns cordoned
off part of Singapore while a
mystery cargo of bullion worth
£21,000,000 was deposited in the
Banque de l'Indo-China here.

Officials would not say who
owned the bullion. The arrival
at Singapore from Saigon yester-
day of the French ship La
Grandiere, however, gave strength
to a report that the bullion was
on its way from Vietnam to
France.

Other reports said it was taken
from Indo-China to Japan during
the war and was being returned.
—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
FIRST RACE MEETING

Saturday, 11th February 1950.

There are nine races, the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (9 Races—\$18) may be obtained at the Office
of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the
Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on
the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in
April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for
the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch
Office, No. 222 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed, throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or
Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the
Members' Enclosure, and Club Rooms at \$10.—including
tax for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary
on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Mem-
ber to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for
payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the
Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor,
Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club
House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy
(Tel. 27415).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5.—including
tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
BOOKMAKERS' TAG MEN TO GO WILL NOT BE PER-
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only,
who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to
endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are
not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for ladies through
an official gate and must remain in their employers' boxes.

BY ORDER

S. A. SLEAP

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KILL THAT TRUMP ENTRY

ONE DEFENSIVE play which
you seldom see among average
players, but is a working tool in
the kit-box of all high-rankers,
is the intentional giving of a ruff
to the dummy so that the de-
clarer can not use trumps for a
late enough entry there. Usually
the chance for this play oc-
curs when the dummy has three
trumps including a high honour.
Also there usually is a suit in
dummy which requires a re-
entry. If the dummy is forced to
ruff with one trump, it cannot re-
gain the lead with that suit, ex-
cept before three rounds of
trumps have been taken.

S K 4 3
H A K 4 2
D 10 6 3
C J 9
S 10 6 2
H Q 8 7
D 9 8 2
C A K 10 2
S A Q J 6 7
H 8 8
D K Q 5
C 6 5 4

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South West North East
1 S Pass 2 H Pass
2 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 S

East took the club 3 lead with
the K and returned the diamond
9 to lead up to weakness. West
took the Q with the A and gave
East the lead again with the club
7 to the A. The latter, hoping
West had the diamond 7 guarded
—which he did—put forth the 8.
South now was in with the K

and made the most of his good
fortune.

The spade A and Q were
scored, next the heart A and K,
two cards in the suit and the
spade 7 was led to the K, clear-
ing trumps. Now the good hearts
enabled South to discard his final
diamond and final club, so that he
made his contract.

Either defender could have
beaten that contract, East having
two chances and West one. When
East took the first club, he could
have scored his A also and led a
third round which dummy would
have had to trump. When West
was in with the diamond A, he
could have scored his club Q and
led a third club to force dummy
to ruff. When East got the second
club trick, he could have led a
third instead of making a second
diamond lead. In any of these
events, South would have been
unable to win the third round
of spades in dummy. Just fol-
low through the play, and you
will see that this would have
licked him.

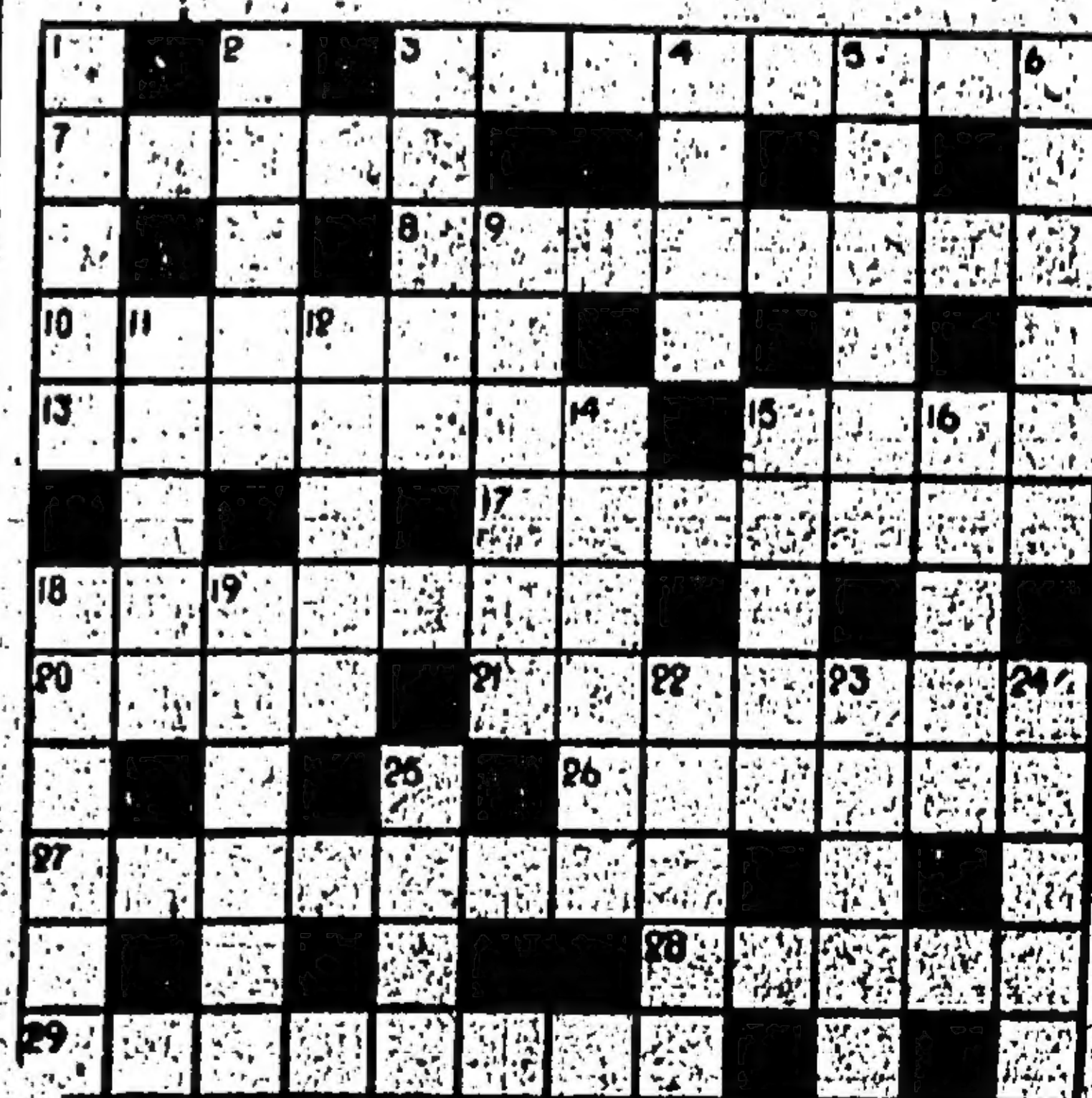
Tomorrow's Problem—
S A K 10 8 7 6
H K 2
D A K 8 6
C 10

S 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
H A J 6
D J 10 7 3 2
C Q 9 8 2

Dealer: East. East-West vul-
nerable.)

What would you consider the
best bidding of this deal?

A BRITISH CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Theoretical. 18 Seminary. 1 Card. 14 tion.
7 Accumulate. 20 Spoken. 2 Angles. 14 Jacket.
8 Speak inco- 21 Obliterated. 3 Negro boys. 13 Conspiration.
herently. 26 Corrections. 4 Helpful. 16 table.
10 Ornament. 27 Value. 5 Supply. 16 Table (verb).
13 Dimple. 28 Presently. 6 Stern. 18 Street.
16 Curves. 29 Prate. 7 Adult. 19 trader.
17 Merchants. 30 Recalls. 8 Blatant. 10 Dormant.
9 Sassy. 23 Reckless. 9 Sassy. 23 Reckless.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Spread. 5 Rally. 8
Ruled. 9 Fascia. 10 Phase.
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Reds attack family system

San Francisco, February 5.
The biggest revolution in China is the one you never hear about.

The Communists never openly say they are attacking the Chinese family system. They assail "feudalism" and "imperialistic influences," but never the traditional ties which for 4,000 years have made China the source of a unique culture.

The family system has been the glue that held China together. It also held her back. Based on ancestor worship, it was the warp upon which the fabric of Chinese life was woven. It dictated marriages and procreation that the ancestors might be honoured. It kept family loyalties supreme.

It was China's salvation and her curse. It kept her from falling apart into little nations but throttled her growth into a really great power.

The Reds are undermining it quietly through three approaches—through the mouth, through women, and through peasant politics.

A college student in Communist Peking recently wrote to his father in Hong Kong, "I should not call you father because I now belong to the State. I am short of funds and would appreciate a cheque by return mail."

This boy still has to ask his father for money, but he is learning to recognise a new supreme authority in his life. Before, it was his father. Now it is Communist leadership.

Peasant dance

Even in such simple things as the "Yang Ko" peasant dance, which the Reds have spread far and wide, Chinese youth breaks sharply with classic Chinese ideas of how young people should behave. Before, they were not supposed to be seen in public together alone, let alone dancing—and touching—each other.

If children used to be told what to do by their parents, the great mass of Chinese women were equally under the thumb of their husbands. They had little status under family custom. Their husbands could divorce them, but it was their duty to put up with their husbands, serve them, and bear the children demanded by custom. The great mass of peasant women could not own property. They seldom met their husbands before marriage, which was, of course, arranged by their elders.

Naturally, Chinese women found some ways of getting around such restrictions, especially in the matriarchal boss was not uncommon. But the great mass of Chinese women had to take it.

The Communists have given Chinese women what looks to them like equality. Now they can criticise their husbands in public and divorce them. Marital relations are no longer so much a one-way street.

The very active Women's Association within the Red promotion play a big part in this profound re-arrangement of Chinese life. They call die-hard husbands on the carpet and have been known to beat them up after warnings had no effect.—Associated Press.

Slow sale of Red bonds in America

New York, February 5.
The "Times" says a secret campaign is going on among Chinese Americans here to sell Mao Tse-tung's "People's Victory Bonds."

The Times said only a few thousand dollars worth of bonds have been sold.

Nationalist sympathisers in the Chinese community, including most of those who could afford to buy the bonds, are opposing the drive, the "Times" said.

The newspaper said that to get around regulations, buyers of the bonds are asked to commission the sellers to send their money to China. There, the formal sale is effected and the bonds are held in deposit by a Canton bank.—Associated Press.

New York, February 5.
The "New York Times" reported from Paris today that the United States, which has immense prestige in India, was being looked to in the hope that its friendly counsel could end a prevailing impasse between India and Nepal.

The writer of the despatch, Mr. C.L. Sulzberger, said: "Events are forcing the United States to take a diplomatic interest throughout Asia on a scale without precedent."

"One case in point is that of Nepal," he said. Nepal was "on the verge of becoming a borderland in the ideological contest between Soviet Communism and Western democracy."

"Mao Tse-tung's Peking Government has proclaimed its intention of taking over Tibet. If that manoeuvre is accomplished, Nepal will have to decide whether to recognise the new master of its neighbour. Furthermore, Nepal, the home of the famous brave Gurkhas, will face the tide of Communism."

The article, pointing out that Nepal's only link with the outside world was across India, alleged that Nepal's fate exports to the dollar area—"the only source of dollars for the 'little kingdom'—had been tampered with by India."

"The Indians take the dollars received by Nepal at Calcutta and pay the Nepalese their rupee equivalent. Furthermore, India has consistently made difficulties in the availability of rolling stock for Nepalese goods," it added.

Nepal's suspicions

This had led some Nepalese to suspect that India would like to isolate them economically by absorbing Nepal into the Indian Republic, it added. Until New Delhi acts more co-operatively, the suspicions were likely to remain.

"Negotiations have been going on in New Delhi between Indian and Nepalese representatives for a long time without any conclusive result. As a result Nepal has taken the occasion of her new diplomatic relationships with the United States to complain of this," the article continued.

As an elephant man I'm one in a million

By Richard Viner

I am an extraordinary man, I am. Excuse my complacency, but I have it (on the authority of an expert) that I am a man in a million. Hospital For Cars

What can I do? Why, I can make an elephant start, stop and go backwards.

Why are you sneering? It is not easy. It is all done by the power of the voice—in the same way that Stuart Hibberd and Stewart MacPherson command their audiences.

But that does not mean that Mr. Hibberd or Mr. MacPherson can necessarily make an elephant start, stop and go backwards. Far from it.

It requires a very special, a very rare sort of voice, which I have got—and which Mr. John Gindl has got.

Expensive job

You don't know Mr. Gindl? Let me introduce him. He is the man who can not only make elephants start, stop and go backwards, but can make them kneel, dance, lie down, sit up, play cricket, climb on each other's backs, stand on their heads—and play the zither.

And all done by the voice! We have positively nothing up our sleeves.

Upkeep of my new kingdom, unfortunately, is beyond the means of all but about 50 men in the country. An elephant eats 23,000 worth of hay in a year, at a rate of seven cwt. a day, and two cwt. of bran and oats a month, and, when thirsty, drinks 200 gallons of water from breakfast till dinner.

Above the music of the circus orchestra you cannot hear Mr. Gindl talking to his six elephants. But if you played a sound track of his voice while he was putting

Peking relations with Pakistan

London, February 6.
Radio Moscow said today that the Chinese Communists have agreed to establish diplomatic relations with Pakistan on a basis of equality.

The broadcast quoted a Communist news agency message from Peking which said relations would be based on "equality, mutual advantage and mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity."

The message said the Communist Deputy Foreign Minister, Li Ke-nun, informed Pakistan of his Government's decision on February 4 through the Pakistan Ambassador to the Soviet Union.—United Press.

Must know you

"Now, then, come on, come on, come on. Quicker there, Lachme, quicker, quicker. Pick 'em up, pick 'em up, pick 'em up. Fahto, don't be lazy. Hullo! Hurry! Hurry. Come on, you lazy girls, quicker, quicker. Now Lachme, get ready, get ready. Change!"

And on that simple word the elephants, from circling round and round the ring, suddenly break formation and, following their leader, Lachme, go into the next number of their routine.

But having the right voice is not everything. The animals must know you before they will learn tricks. Elephants are like women. They prefer to serve one master.

But for that man they will do anything. "Pick up my whip," says Gindl and one of the elephants hands it to him. "Hold my handkerchief," he says and the elephant does so.

Were the trainer ill the only person who could take command would be his wife. Even then, he would have to be present or the elephants would not obey her.

John Gindl, who was born in Vienna and is now a British subject, says elephants are exactly like human beings. Look at their eyes, he says, and you can see whether they can be trusted.

He learned that lesson as a boy, says Gindl, when he was in the circus in 1914. There was one elephant whose eye gave him the danger signal. A month later Gindl saw him pick up his trainer and hurl him across the ring.

Elephants, again like women—excuse me—quick in their likes and dislikes. One reason the trainer thinks he has never been hurt by an elephant is that he has refused to have anything to do with an animal in which he sensed enmity.

Pahto is the only one of Gindl's elephants with a doubtful eye. A few weeks ago John noticed Pahto trying to bite and kick his groom. It wasn't the boy's fault, but he had to go. The animal had taken a dislike to him.

Are elephants affectionate? Yes, to their master. Every time Gindl enters their stable all six sit up in greeting. (Continued On Page 6)

Children freeze to death

Tehran, February 5.
Ten children have been frozen to death in Ahari, a city North West of Azarbaijan, a government official reported today.

Thousands of refugees, who came to Tehran a few months ago and are now being sent back to Azarbaijan have been trapped on the roads by the heavy snow.

Army planes are dropping food to several parties by parachute and cavalry units are taking sick refugees to nearby towns on horseback.—Associated Press.

Marketing is biggest headache

Washington, February 5.

The United States Agriculture Department said today that the world hunger problem has reached a point where marketing rather than production is the biggest headache. The Department made the statement in its annual report on the world food situation.

It said that while hungry people are eating better than at any time since the war their diets still are below pre-war levels. It said that part of the blame lies in the fact that world food production has increased only two to three per cent since before war while the population has climbed more than 10 per cent. But it said the major problem is how to funnel food from surplus producing nations, like the United States, to short-crop countries, like India, which need food but lack the dollars to buy.

This problem is pointed up, it added, by the accumulation of huge food surpluses in the United States when people are not getting enough to eat in other areas.

The Department said, however, there should be further improvement in the world food supplies in the coming year if the optimistic 1950 crop production estimates are borne out. It said crops in the Northern hemisphere are generally good although Russia may run into difficulties with its winter wheat crop.

The report said, "In the Soviet Union there were reports of a dry autumn and snow cover has been light in a number of Western regions. Winter wheat in the United States is developing well and prospects are for a good crop despite the 15 per cent decline in plantings. The acreage planted to winter wheat in India and Japan is slightly higher than last year and developments to date are good although more rain is needed in India."

Europe which had an unusually mild autumn which permitted late plantings, has increased its winter wheat acreage slightly over last year, the report said, adding that rainfall has been good and the crop is coming along good.—United Press.

Efforts to resume air flights

Tokyo, February 6.

American, British and Dutch airlines are continuing constant efforts to resume flights into Communist China, an informed source said today.

This source said Pan American and Northwest Airlines, British Overseas Airways Corporation, Hong Kong Airways and KLM, the Dutch airline, had suggested to Peiping a joint operation into China if the Red Government disapproves flights by individual lines.

This is just one of the deals which are being planned at present for resumption of air traffic into China, this informant asserted.

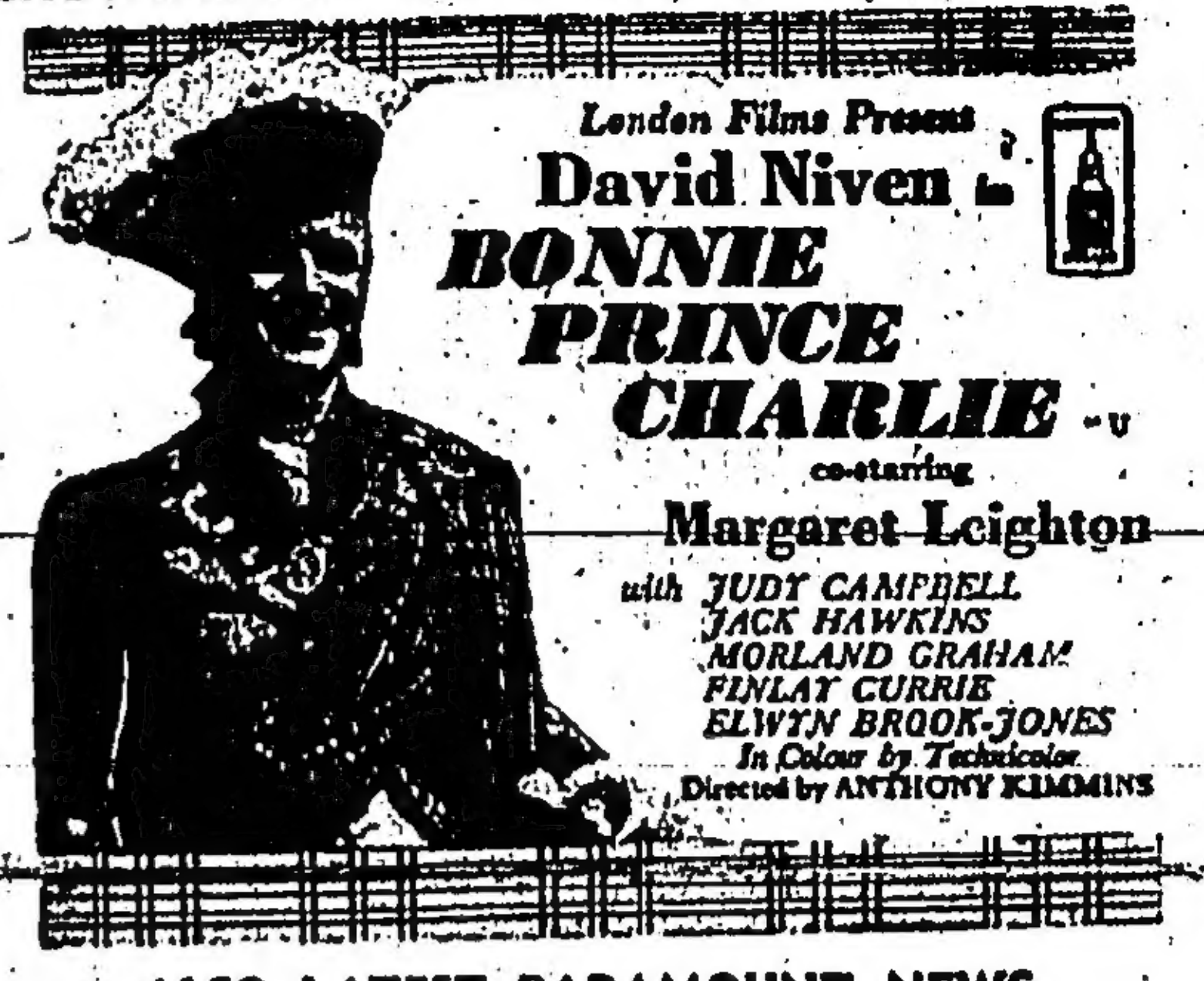
Northwest Airlines had a "green light" from the Reds to fly into China last November, this informant reported. Certain Communist conditions attached to the operation, however, made it impossible to fulfill.

The source presumed these conditions had been made known to the State Department. He said American Airlines would not operate into Red China without the Department's approval.

This informant was not optimistic about resumption of international air traffic into China in the near future.—Associated Press.

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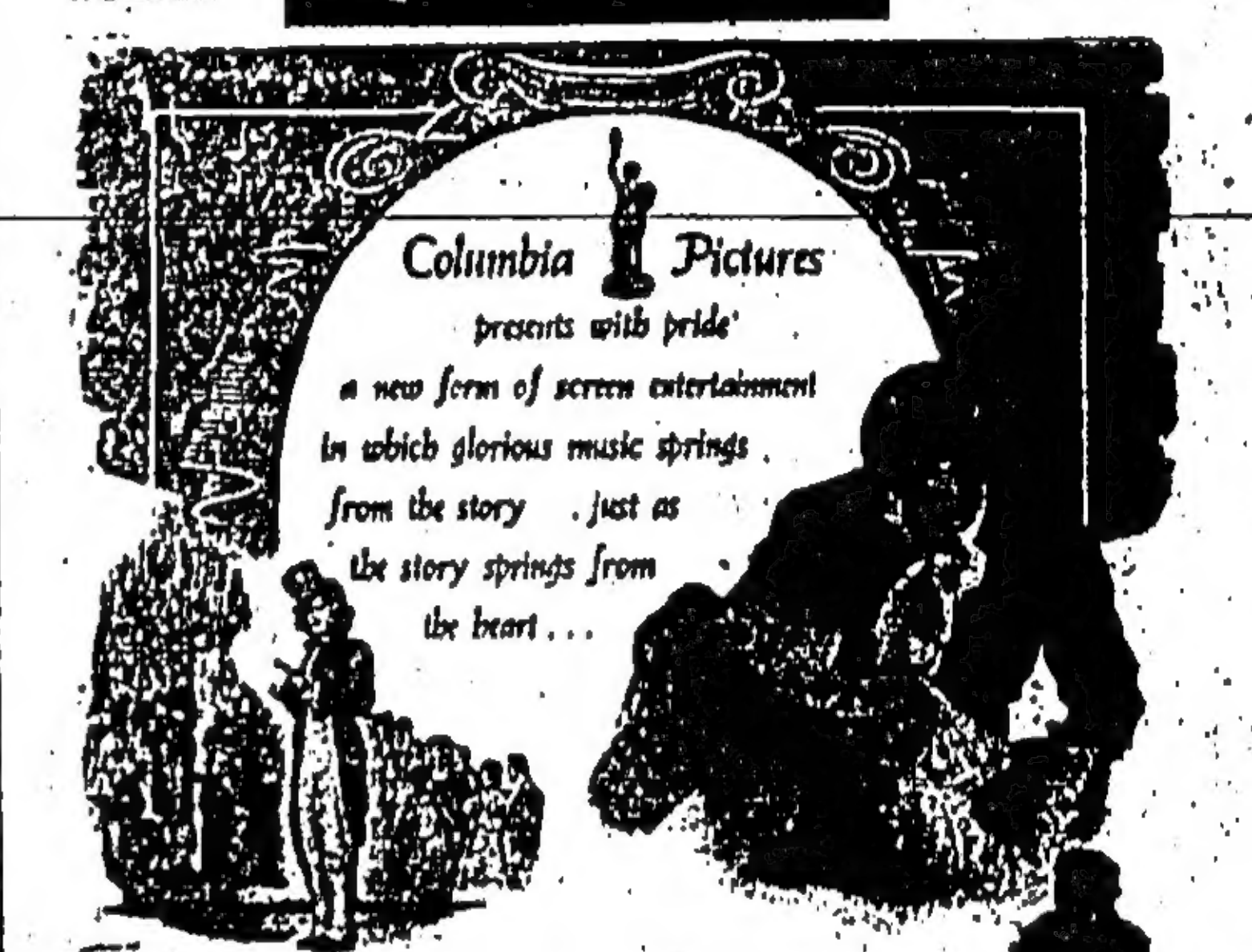
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PROGRESS OF THE ELECTION

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society. It fears too that Tory government would mean unemployment.

Voters dislikes

Many of those who have not yet decided how to vote dislike the policies of the Labour Party. They have no confidence that it can deal with the crisis. On the other hand they dislike and mistrust the ideas and many of the personalities of the Conservative Party.

Hidden in the background is a great conflict of principle. The Tory doctrine—often disguised yet guiding most of Tory thought—is that the nation only produced a maximum national income if every individual is free to seek his advantage by private enterprise within the limits of the criminal law, and if the individual is given the incentive of reward for success and is prodded into activity by suffering if he is idle.

The Socialist doctrine is that the prime responsibility for the well-being of both nation and individual lies on the state itself. The Socialist doctrine is one of the deepest desires of man to be cared for and looked after. Socialism has thus a natural, if baffling and dangerous, attraction for all but the most combative and energetic members of society.



Virgil vigil. Recent developments at Pratas Island have at last elucidated the age-old problem of who shall salvage the salvagers themselves.

Russia wants Hollywood films. "Can anti-American propaganda go further?"

"Which races," asks a contemporary's quiz, "have dominated England since the Norman invasion?" Offhand I'd say the Derby and the Grand National.

For the guidance of governments which have not yet seen the light, I would point out that you can recognise the Peking regime by its identification Marx.

Ciannish Spanish. The stimulus of individualism in Spain are protesting against Washington's imminent recognition of Franco as the European bulwark against Communism. Now that Western Germany has been accepted as deserving co-victors of the war, one can only wonder at the blunders of these sombre homages.

Bigger and better America again: one of the "spectacular improvements" currently announced for bubble gum is the ability to blow three bubbles when previously there was only one.

Myrtle says that brassieres have become so brief that they can scarcely uphold their reputation.

A furniture dealer in London, weary of contributing 0/2d. a week for his "free" health service, is going to advertise a free furnishing service for customers paying similar instalments.

"How did you get on with Betty?" asked John. "I started off well," replied the ardent young lover. "I said I was knee-deep in love with her. But all that happened was that she promised to put me on her wedding list."

Man of the people. Over in Britain, Herbert Morrison reveals that he has the sort of soul which is improved by washing dishes.



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The other election to watch

One election a year is enough for any nation to worry about. But Britain, deep in her own political preoccupations, is going to have it forcibly brought home to her that 1950 is an election year in the U.S. too.

The present session of the American Congress will probably prove to be of greater importance to Britain than any previous sitting of that body.

And the fact that 1950 is an election year means that nearly every speech and vote by nearly every Congressman and Senator will be made with domestic political considerations uppermost in mind.

It is one of the ironies—a Colonel Blimp might say indignantly—that Britain's present position that what 800 foreign legislators do over the next six months is going to have a very important effect on Britain's future.

It is, perhaps, exasperating to realise that Britain's fortunes should be so intimately affected by men over whom she has no direct or indirect control.

The fact remains, however, that the defence of Britain and the outcome of Britain's dollar struggle, two considerations of some importance, must inevitably depend to a considerable extent on the results of 1950's debates in the American Congress.

The Congress reconvened recently and had legislative programme laid before it by President Truman in his traditional "State of the Union" message.

Here it should be interpolated that President Truman is also a politician. It must, therefore, be expected that he, too, will be influenced by the prospect of his Democratic Party's present prominence being challenged at the polls next November.

Future holds the answer

He is pledged already to request from Congress several concessions which should aid Britain's dollar drive and help alleviate her economic crisis. How strongly will he press for these concessions if the doing of it involves a possible loss of Democratic votes?

Only the unpredictable future of a Congressional session holds the answer to that one.

But Truman is, indeed, pledged to ask for an untangling of American Customs regulations which are crippling Britain's exports to the U.S. at present.

He must resist any move to increase tariffs on British goods which are hurting individual American industries.

President's own scheme

He must obtain an adequate sum of money for Britain and other European countries in the third year of the Marshall Plan.

He must obtain at least \$1,000,000,000 to start his own pet scheme for the development of backward British and other colonial areas which would eventually provide a profitable market for British goods.

Any or all of these issues contain the seeds of success or failure of Britain's battle for economic survival.

A cut in Marshall Plan funds would widen the already dangerously yawning dollar gap—and there is a strong move in certain quarters to make such a cut.

Many individual American industries are suffering from Britain's dollar-earning or dollar-saving drives—and they are lobbying Congressmen strenuously for an increase in their tariff protection.

The U.S. Government has drawn up a plan for the slashing of red-tape surrounding Customs regulations, but there is a great danger of this Bill getting lost in the rush of legislation which always falls in the Congressional calendar.

Congress is in a money-saving mood, and may prove reluctant to vote more millions for a long-range dollar scheme to help distant, if backward, Colonies.

As an elephant man I'm one in a million

(Continued from Page 5)

Recently he was away for a fortnight. "How are my girls?" he asked on return and though they were 80 yards away, there came such a bellowing, hollering, screaming and trumpeting that the staff thought the elephants had broken loose.

Not at all. They were just saying "Hello!" to their lord and master.

Gindi does not believe the old say that elephants never forget. "They forget like you do," he said. "If I suddenly try them with a trick they have not done for five years their memories need jogging as humans do."

Elephants are mischievous, too. Leave them alone and with a sort of sadistic gleam they will tear everything up and trample it underfoot with chaotic equality.

Like humans, elephants learn either quickly or slowly, according to their brains. It may take them anything from two days to two years to learn a trick.

How to ride

Last year I took six weeks to teach one of them to fire a cannon. This year Huggoli had a team to play the guitar.

It took her three days to get used to the sight of it, two more to come near it, three to touch it and then 10 days of gentle coaxing to make her stroke her trunk to any fro across the strings.

At Olympia you will hear her following in the footsteps of every orchestra in the country by playing the Harry Lime Theme.

What is it like to ride on an elephant, not as a maharaja or at the Zoo, but bareback? You strap her ear with your right hand, the head harness with your left. Then, tapping your foot against hers, you place it on her knee and up you go.

More comfortable

Next moment you are aloft King of the Castle the Elephant and Castle. I assure you it is far more comfortable than riding on a bus. Besides, the seat is so delightfully warm.

In fact, if the Editor finds too further use for my services, I am going to Mr. Gindi. It is not often in a lifetime you are hailed as a miracle.

Elephants here I come! Who knows? I may be Sabu the Second.

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BIRTH

INGHAM—To Marie, wife of T. R. Ingham, on February 6th at Queen Mary Hospital, a daughter.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE

The Canton trade unionists and the Peking Radio have said their piece about the events in Russell Street last week. There is no point in going over these things again or in bandying words about them. It is to be hoped the episode can be considered as closed and that the atmosphere will continue calm, it was before the demonstrators, excited by heated speeches, attacked the police. The statement by Union leaders that they had no wish to aggravate the situation is to be welcomed.

Nobody has anything to gain by creating more trouble, certainly not the workers themselves. Most of those concerned in the disputes, happily, have never left their jobs, and we are pretty certain they will not have to.

Attention can now be concentrated once more on the essential task. This is to settle one way or the other the demands for increased allowances, and to get the trams running again as soon as possible. They would still be running today but for the ill-advised action of the conductors in refusing to accept fares. The loss of revenue occasioned, in the first place by this action, and later by the suspension of the service, will not make it easier for the Company to meet the demands—even if the study of the relation between the cost of living and wages shows an increased allowance is justified. Any general ruling on this matter must, of course, be related also to ability to pay.

But the principle of the justice or otherwise of the demand for an increased allowance owing to higher living cost is the main thing, and on this we must await the findings of the Dairy Farm Arbitration Board. This is a very good Board. Professor Robertson will have the aid of a singularly competent panel of assessors nominated by the Company. Expert knowledge and ability has been placed above all other considerations. The group nominated by the Labour Unions is also a strong one, and nobody will accuse them of being "Fascist stooges."

There is not much point now in arguing about the causes of delays, except to emphasise that events have shown how dangerous they can be when a large number of workers have nothing to do but roam the streets or attend rallies and demonstrations. The fact that arbitration is the chosen instrument in at least one of the disputes is the major feature of the situation. That is all to the good.

If armed war is the curse of modern civilisation, strikes and lockouts are just as much a curse in industrial relations. Waste and want are the characteristics of industrial

war, which is bad for the State, the public, and the investor, and worse for the workers. Communist Governments have put an end to this anarchy. Trade Union leaders vanished during the purges, and strikes are impossible. Even in China, where conditions are now so hard for the workers, they are told that they cannot strike for better conditions, since they would be striking against themselves in a People's State.

In Britain order is replacing the old anarchy through fairer methods. There have been strikes since the war, but they have been "unofficial," and called, not by the proper Trade Union officials, but by irresponsible agitators. The cost of living index now determines whether increased wages are or are not justifiable. Another vital reform is the accepted association of production and wages: more production, higher wages. Limitation of profits is also a fundamental factor. Thus the interests of all are protected.

Still another important factor in industrial peace is the new machinery set up in each separate industry for consultation and conciliation. The range of discussion in these Joint Committees is wide. They deal with all sorts of questions and not merely with hours and wages, and dispose of day-to-day grievances and suggestions for improvement of production methods. The new methods are being introduced, too, in the Colonies, for time no longer stands still anywhere.

The Asian Regional Conference of the Industrial Labour Organisation meeting at Colombo, has recommended that the Governments of Asian countries establish wage-fixing machinery to protect the worker, and to ensure that increases in productivity are reflected in wage earnings. Wages so determined should satisfy the minimum needs of the worker and his family and should be compatible with the levels of productivity. The Hong Kong delegates to the Conference returned on Sunday.

Their return is timely, because they bring with them the latest ideas on labour and employment matters.

At the last election, in 1945, it was found that by far the largest part of the electorate had decided for which party they would vote many weeks before the campaign began. Inquiry at the present time suggests that it is the same again. The percentage of the voters who have not yet made up their minds is very small.

The battle of the parties, the sound and fury of the election will thus be chiefly to win the minority. The parties have, however, two other pre-occupations. One is to make sure that their sympathisers actually vote. (Labour attributed its dramatic loss at the London County Council elections last year to the fact that many of its supporters did not take the trouble to vote.)

The second pre-occupation is to make sure that voters do not change their minds at the last minute.

It is the Conservatives who have most to fear last minute desertions. It is common at the moment to find working men sick to death of the drabness of life under the calamities, such as devaluation, which have recently come on the country. At the moment they say they are going to vote against the Government. But will they, when the day comes? Many a working man will say at the last moment "Well, I think the Labour leaders are so-and-so. But how can I, a worker, vote for the Tories? It's not natural."

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FBI CHIEF REPORTING ON FUCHS SPY CASE

America may try to extradite scientist INTERESTING DETAILS

Washington, February 5.

The FBI director, J. Edgar Hoover, will give Congress a confidential report tomorrow on the Dr. Klaus Fuchs atomic spy case. He already has said publicly that its ramifications in this country are being traced—a hint that other suspects may fall into the FBI net.

Mr. Hoover will testify in secret before the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee which is investigating the possibility of trying to extradite Fuchs from London for an American trial, but sees scant chance of success.

Russia may have better death bomb

Berlin, February 5. Russia has "probably mastered" a new type of chain reaction that is better than the hydrogen bomb, Professor Robert Hans Havemann, a leading East Berlin physicist, wrote today.

Professor Havemann's article, published in the Socialist Unity Party's newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," said that the new method consisted of combining ordinary hydrogen with "heavy" forms of certain metals in the so-called "hydrides."

This type of reaction had better prospects of success than the type which the Americans meant when they talked about their "bomb" or "super-bomb," he said.

"News from the Soviet Union concerning the application of atomic energy to peaceful purposes have in general led to the supposition that such atomic reactions have already been achieved," Professor Havemann wrote.

"Mr. Truman's theatrical thunder," as the professor described the projected American hydrogen-bomb, consists of uniting super-heavy hydrogen (tritium), whose atom consists of one proton and two neutrons with ordinary hydrogen. Out of this union comes one atom of helium and a great deal of energy.

"The disadvantages of this process are the exceptional rarity of tritium and the great difficulty of manufacturing it. The technical processes sketched here are generally known among atom physicists and it would be totally incorrect to talk about an American monopoly in this field."

"The threat of a super-bomb which the Americans have launched on to the world is clearly aimed at the creation of panic among people who have weak nerves and are uninformed enough to take the White House's propaganda bomb at its face value."

"On the other hand, information from the Soviet Union leads to the conclusion that considerable technical progress along this path has already been made,"—Reuter.

Singapore bank switches to Communists

London, February 5. The Bank of China's branch in Singapore has declared its allegiance to the Central People's Government and wired its head office for instructions, according to a New China (Communist) News Agency report received in London tonight.

The head office of the Bank of China had replied that the policy of the People's Government was to protect the proper interests of Chinese overseas and the depositors, the Agency added.

Apart from taking over the official shares by the People's Government, the rights and interests of all commercial shareholders, with the exception of "few war criminals," would be protected, it said.

All branches of the Bank of China abroad were instructed to carry on business as usual and serve overseas Chinese.

The Singapore branch, which has been re-appointed manager, and the staff there are to retain their posts, the reply said.—Reuter.

Fuchs, seized by Scotland Yard on information dug up by the FBI, has allegedly confessed giving Russia vital American and British secrets on the atom bomb and the dread new hydrogen superbomb.

If found guilty when he goes on trial before the British court on Friday, he could get 14 years in prison. The maximum penalty for atomic espionage in the United States is death.

Members of the Atomic Committee told the United Press they had discussed asking the State Department to try and extradite Fuchs but that it seemed hopeless.

General Leslie Groves, wartime head of the U.S. atomic bomb project, faces public questioning on why his security officers failed to double-check the British clearance of a man whom Mr. Hoover has described as a paid Russian agent planted in Britain.

Fuchs, a German-born British scientist, worked in secret American atomic plants from 1943 to 1946 as a leading member of the British mission sent here under the wartime atom bomb partnership of the United States, Britain and Canada.

Interesting details

Some Senators predicted that the retired General might defend his record by bringing out some interesting details of the still secret 1943 Quebec agreement between the late President Roosevelt and the then British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill. They implied that the agreement might have required General Groves to accept Fuchs' British credentials without question.

Senator Eugene Millikin, leading Republican member of the Atomic Committee, said Mr. Hoover undoubtedly would be asked whether his men are on the trail of any American or foreign accomplices in the atomic spy operation. He said the Committee had not been told when Fuchs implicated anyone else in his reported confession.

Democratic Senator Millard Tydings predicted that one outcome of the Fuchs affair would be a "more intense and more complete" investigation of everybody connected with atomic energy and H-bomb work. In a radio broadcast today, Senator Tydings said he fervently hoped the affair would not result in breaking up the moves toward new and closer atomic partnership between the United States, Britain and Canada.

"We in America realize that many of the major contributions towards development of the atomic bomb, and no doubt of the hydrogen bomb, have been made by eminent British scientists. Without their help and support their experiments and knowledge, we would go so much

Candidates of Liberals increasing

London, February 5.

The Liberal Party Headquarters tonight announced that the number of Liberal candidates selected to fight the General Election had passed the 450 mark and more were expected to be nominated.

Mr. Frank Byers, the Liberal chief Whip in the Parliament just dissolved, when adopted as a candidate for Blandford, North Dorset, said that the Liberal Party believed in social reform and had pioneered most of the measures from which the country was benefiting, but it refused to accept the idea that to get social reform they must also accept Socialism.

According to the Party Headquarters, Mr. Byers' broadcast last week brought the Party a spate of letters demanding that Liberal candidates stand in constituencies they had not so far decided to contest.—Reuter.

Acheson may face sharp questioning

Washington, February 5. The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, may face sharp questioning by Senators this week on the administration's China policy.

Mr. Acheson is expected to be asked to testify before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State Department requests for funds in the new budget.

Senator William F. Knowland, Republican California, chief critic of what he has called the administration's bankrupt Asia policies, will be on hand with a full line of questions.—Associated Press.

PROMISES, APPEALS, WARNINGS

London, February 5.

The Labour Party today dominated the campaign stage with speeches offering voters a variety of promises, appeals and warnings.

There was no major Conservative figure in today's array of speakers asking for support in the general elections on February 23. Separate appeals to voters were made by four leading Socialists: the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, and the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, Sir William Lawther.

Sir Stafford told an audience in the London suburb of Brixton that a progressive government in Britain was the one great safeguard against the wave of reaction sweeping Western Europe.

Mr. Bevan told an overflow crowd of 5,000 at the Liverpool stadium that the Labour Government "shall go on building houses until every family has a separate home." He dismissed Mr. Winston Churchill's fellow Conservatives as a miserable mob.

Speaking at Wakefield, Mr. Morrison appealed to members of the minority Liberal Party to vote Labour.

Sir William told his audience that a Conservative victory would mean the loss of liberty and freedom for organised labour.—United Press.

H-BOMB IS DEVILISH WEAPON

Liverpool, February 5.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, in a sermon today described the hydrogen bomb as a devilish weapon which must be outlawed if civilisation is to survive.

"Now that the race to make this bomb has been started, it will only end either by its use in war or by an international agreement to prohibit or control its manufacture," he said.

The Archbishop, second ranking prelate in the Church of England, spoke at a service at the Liverpool Cathedral in observance of the centenary of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce.—Associated Press.

Berlin Reds plan putsch in May, reports reveal

Berlin, February 5.

Western intelligence sources said here today they had received reports that the Communists were planning to turn their 500,000-man youth demonstration here on Sunday, May 28, into a putsch for power.

They said reports to that effect had been piling up in their files for the past month, but they emphasised that they had no way of confirming them.

Kenneth Downs, American public affairs chief in Berlin, said: "We have plans for all eventualities. Naturally normal security measures will be taken."

A high German source said the Communists were planning a putsch in May. He refused to say what measures would be taken because "we consider it unwise to tell the enemy our plans in advance."

American intelligence sources in Frankfurt said several reports of the Communist plans had been made. They added that they all looked quite serious.

Charges that the Communists planned to "conquer" West Berlin added to the general case of jitteriness caused here by Russian's on-again, off-again "baby blockade." It was on again tonight after restrictions were eased for nearly 24 hours. At Helmsstedt tonight Soviet guards took up to 10 minutes to check each truck's papers and cargo and the backlog soon built up to 25 trucks.

Part of campaign

Police broke up Communist attempts to demonstrate in the French sector of Berlin and arrested 30 persons. Allied sources said they regarded the skirmish as part of the Communist campaign to back up the Soviet's "little blockade" with a war of nerves in Western parts of the city.

Use of the French sector hall for a Red rally had been refused, but the police said about 100 persons planned to seize the hall anyway. They were taken into custody by West German police, who were waiting for them on the sector border.

Western officials expected the Russians to intensify the "little blockade" in wake of the sharp Soviet rejection of Allied charges that the Russians were hindering traffic.

The West German police clash with Communist demonstrators was the first violence since the Russians clamped their "little blockade" on Berlin on January 18.

The Russians were passing from four to 10 trucks an hour at the zonal border checkpoint at Helmsstedt.

Gov't overthrow planned

Reports reaching Allied intelligence said the Communists planned to tie up West Berlin transport, overpower West Berlin's 11,000 policemen and take over the city Government.

One intelligence source said, "We cannot vouch for the absolute truth of the reports, but we think there is a lot of truth in them. There is no doubt something will come off. It looks like dynamite."

Eisler said 500,000 youths would be gathered here from Germany, Russia, China, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Austria, Norway and Sweden.

In Bonn, Social Democratic leader Kurt Schumacher said today he had information of a Communist plot to take over Western Berlin on May 28 and said the Allies should stop it with tanks.

The fiery one-armed Schumacher spoke after a two-day rally of party officials. His charges could be part of a political manoeuvre against the West German Government headed by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer.—United Press and Associated Press.

Optimism over UK's U.S. trade

Prestwick, Scotland, February 5.

The Chairman of Britain's Dollar Export Board, Sir Cecil Weir, returned by air today from a 10-day visit to Canada and the United States convinced that the United Kingdom can sell more products in the U.S. market.

Canada particularly, he said, will buy more British products so that it may dispose of more of its primary commodities in the traditional United Kingdom market.

He advised British manufacturers to deliver goods promptly and to meet competitive prices.

Sir Cecil said he will enquire further in the action of Scotland in denying an electrical contract to a British firm despite the fact that it offered the lowest bid.

"United Kingdom firms should have the same opportunities as a domestic firm if their prices are right," he said.—Associated Press.

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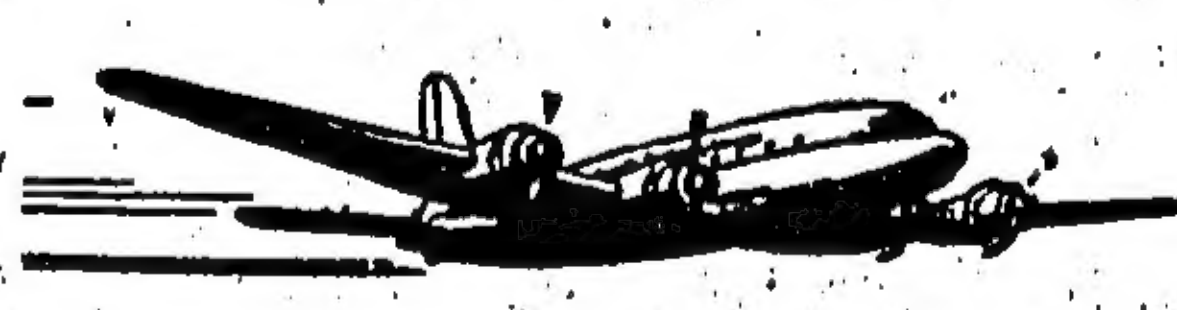


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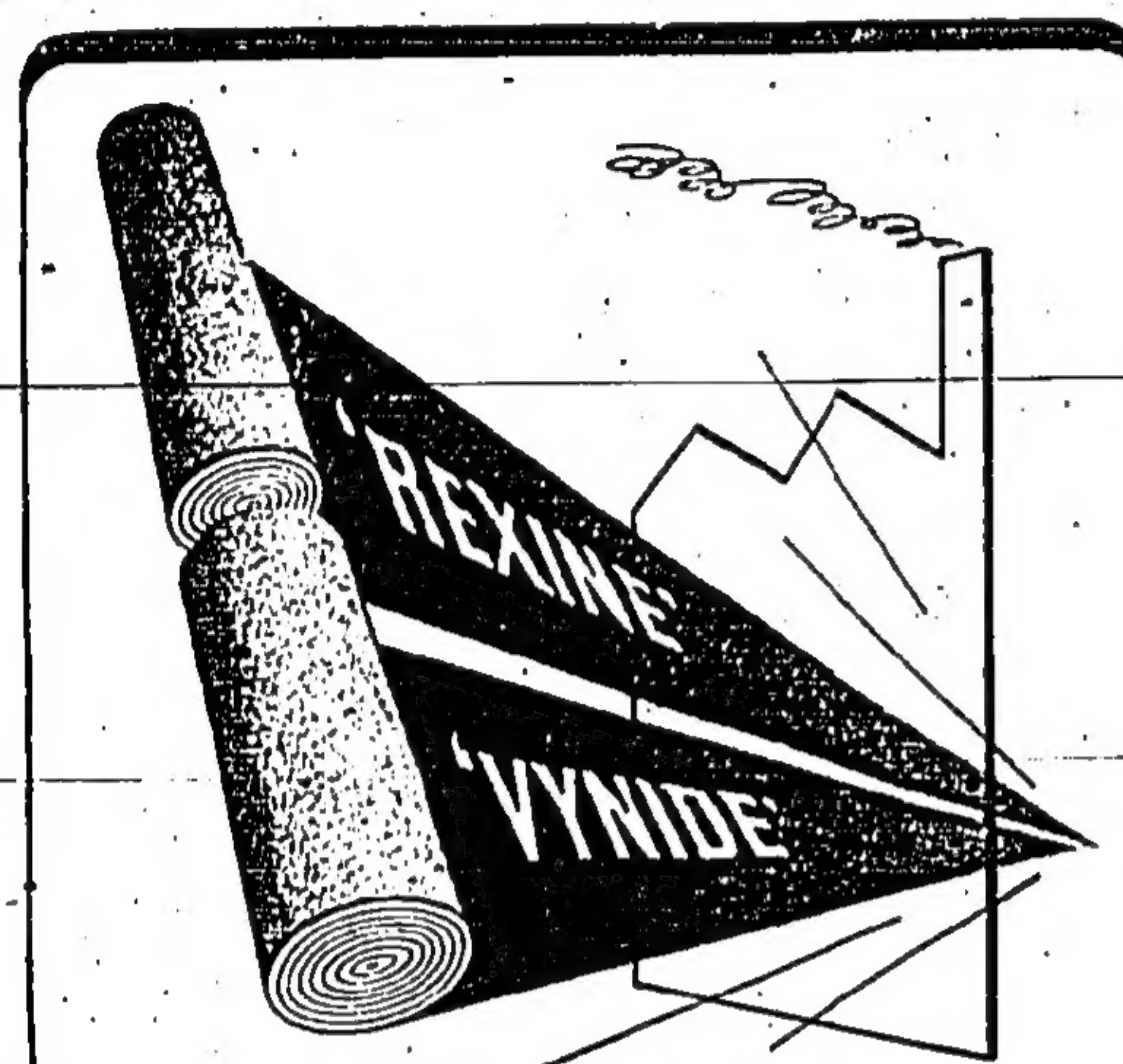


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New York, February 5.

Further Red
comment on
tram issue

San Francisco, February 5.
The Chinese Communist Party further commented on the demonstration of tramway strikers in Hong Kong last week, declared today:

"We warn the culprits of this incident that the working class of the People's Republic of China will brook no suppression of our brother workers. Four hundred thousand Peking workers support the just demands of the Hong Kong fraternal workers."

The Peking Trade Union Council, which is now in session, passed a resolution protesting the Hong Kong Government's "brutal action," the radio declared.

"Only some days ago," the radio said, "Britain expressed her desire to establish diplomatic relations with the People's China, and now the Hong Kong Police suppress our brother workers with armed force. This eloquently reveals the hypocrisy and true colours of imperialism."

Chairman of the Peking University Students' Union, Wang Hsueh-chen, described the action of the Hong Kong Police as an insult to the Chinese people, the broadcast concluded.—United Press.

'Pravda' says
charges false

Moscow, February 5.
The Communist Party organ, "Pravda," and other newspapers charged today that the American occupation authorities in Japan raised the provocation of Japanese prisoners held by the Russians in order to discredit the Soviet Union in the minds of the Japanese people.

They cited the magazine "Austrian Democrat," which was widely distributed here, as a source. According to that Melbourne publication, the repatriation issue was an ordinary trick intended to frighten relatives of Japanese who once lived in Manchuria, and said the Americans and Japanese reactionaries faked the number of Japanese prisoners, listing the names of soldiers who had died early in the war and were never captured by the Russians.

"Pravda" quoted journalistic circles in Japan as saying repatriation of prisoners was used by the Americans as a manoeuvre to destroy the influence on the Japanese people of repatriated prisoners.—United Press.

The Council of the Federation of American Scientists told the nation today to stop depending on the false security of the hydrogen bomb and urged a fresh American start toward peace through mutual agreement and disarmament.

"We can be sure that if we build H-bombs the Russians will build them also," the scientists said in a statement following a meeting here. The Council represents 1,500 scientists in 40 states:

Warning that no weapon, however powerful, can give security to any nation, the Council asked President Truman to set up a new Commission "to examine the whole issue of our atomic policy and to make a fresh start looking forward to a policy which offers some hope of breaking the present stubborn deadlock."

It said that an arms race does not serve to diminish the danger of the horrible hydrogen bomb war and "our country must turn from the false security of bombs to slow the difficult task of gaining security by approaching peace through mutual agreement... gradual disarmament... world-wide reconstruction."

The Council said the super bomb appears to threaten our rivals "but the President and people must see that threat lies nowhere sharper than here in our homes. In our cities. Of all the cities in the world not one is safe."

Pure illusion

The Council said any belief that the United States can maintain monopoly on the super weapon is pure illusion.

Dr. Hugh Wolfe, chairman of the Council, told reporters that the suggested new commission would work on a broader framework than the Acheson-Lilienthal commission of 1946. He said, "This involves American people too much to be left in the hands of any small group to make secret decisions." He said the membership would include scientists, political scientists, military men and officials familiar with foreign trade and the United Nations.

The scientist said that American policy assumes two aspects—on the one hand seeking international control of atomic energy and on the other basing military planning on atomic armaments. He said the "question which faces us today is whether the United States will persist in its avowed policy of seeking peace through agreement" or whether it will continue to rely on atomic weapons.

The Council said, "The decision on the hydrogen bomb can be interpreted by the world as a symbol that we have... placed a terrible weight in the balance for destruction. Greater weight must be placed on the side of real security and peace."

Control objective

It said, "Our objective must continue to be effective atomic control, including a thoroughgoing inspection."

Wolfe suggested a method for controlling atomic weapons. This plan would be to empower the United Nations to count all atomic

Luckman
next AEC
chairman?

Washington, February 5.
President Truman has offered the chairmanship of the United States Atomic Energy Commission to 40-year-old Charles Luckman who recently quit the \$300,000 a year job as president of Lever Brothers Company, it was reported today.

Asked to confirm the report, Mr. Luckman told the United Press, "You would have to ask the President to get a direct answer. I will not deny or confirm the report."

The White House refused to comment.

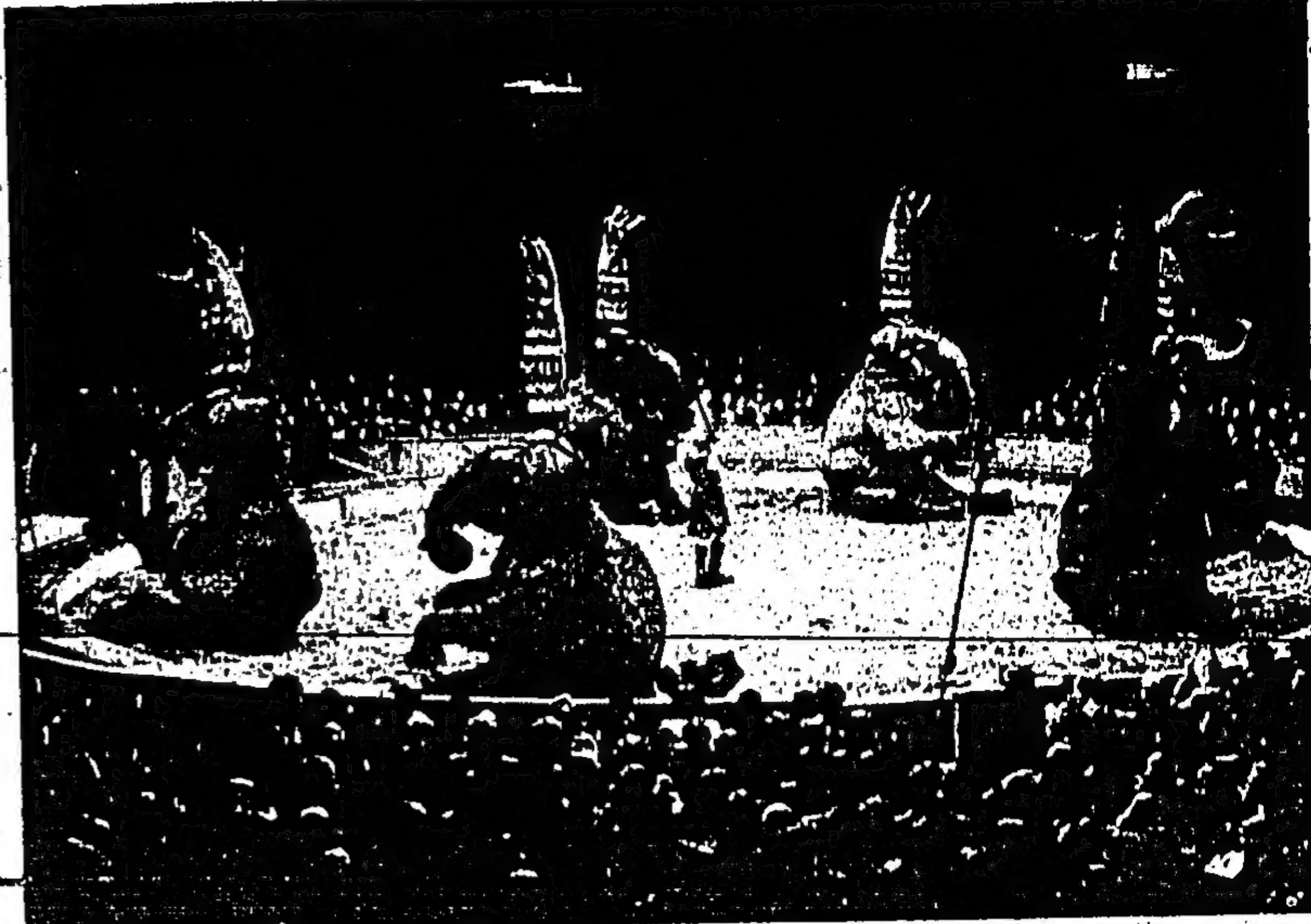
The \$17,500-a-year post becomes vacant on February 15 when Mr. David Lilienthal retires to private life after three years at the helm of the vital \$4,000,000,000 atom bomb programme. Other quarters said he is having a hard time in finding a qualified man.

The President is believed to be anxious to fill the vacancy quickly so the Commission can proceed at full speed ahead on building the super-secret hydrogen bomb.

Usually well-informed quarters said Mr. Luckman became the expected prospect when he summarily resigned on January 18 from the Presidency of the multi-million dollar corporation.

If Mr. Luckman accepts the nomination he would face a hard Senate fight for confirmation. Many legislators have been cold toward him since 1947 when he served as chairman of President Truman's highly controversial Farm Conservation Committee. Also he is an active and outspoken supporter of Mr. Truman's legislative programme. This might stir up strong Republican and Southern Democratic opposition.—United Press.

materials stored in any country that owns them. Originally and then place the materials under United Nations guard in those countries. Plans would be shut down and kept under United Nations inspection to assure that they remain closed. He said there is no peacetime use for hydrogen energy "so far as we can see. The energy you get out of hydrogen cannot be used for anything else besides explosion."—United Press.



A number of lumbering ponderous elephants, an equal number of pretty young ladies, all the patience in the world and you can have an act like John Girdle. Here his elephants are going through their act during a final rehearsal for Bertram Mills' Circus at Olympia, London.—(Associated Press Photo).

Spain's Monarchists protest
against Acheson statement

Madrid, February 5.

Spanish Monarchists, supporters of Don Juan of Bourbon, issued today the text of the letter sent several days ago to protest against a recent statement by the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, that there is no sign of an alternative to the present Government in Spain.

The protest said in part, "The Monarchists' organisation maintains that the alternative to the present regime for Spain exists and promises the restoration of the monarchy in the person of the legitimate claimant, Don Juan of Bourbon."

"This monarchy is based on the democratic principles of Western civilisation adapted to the traditions and idiosyncracies of Spaniards."

"It is based on the principles of public and Christian law repeatedly proclaimed by Pope Pius XII."

"This monarchy would guarantee a reformed and healthy public economy, the rights of free citizens, within the strict maintenance of law and order, political conciliation and harmony of a legal and pacific character for all Spaniards, the entry of Spain into the family of the Western nations."

The message ended by claiming that the Monarchists' organisation had numerous secret members and sympathisers but could not stage a public demonstration to show its strength owing to the persecution from which the organisation suffers under the present regime.

The letter was handed to the United States Charges d'Affaires in Madrid.

Undiminished

Undiminished by vigorous attacks launched on them today by the Madrid newspaper "Arriba," Don Juan's supporters published the text of their protest.

This message, sent by those Monarchists who actively support an early restoration in the person of Don Juan, had no connection with a message sent independently to President Truman recently on the same subject by other Monarchists.

After a meeting of Don Juan and General Franco on the yacht Azor in the summer of 1948, Don Juan ordered his supporters in Spain to cease active opposition to the regime.

During 1949, relations cooled and a proposed meeting in Lisbon during General Franco's visit to the Portuguese capital last autumn was abandoned by Don Juan.

He had been told that whereas the General would be glad to meet him, he was not prepared to discuss concrete political questions.—Reuter.

Portugal's
population
increases

Lisbon, February 5.
Official Portuguese statistics reveal that the country's population increased by more than 1,000,000 between 1938 and 1948.

The rate of 100,000 per year is probably continuing, the statistics showed. By December 31, 1950, the population will probably be 8,620,000.

The city of Lisbon itself gained 120,000 inhabitants over the 10 years.

Food supplies failed to keep pace with Portugal's growing population. Some 35,000 tons of meat, for example, were consumed in 1948, and only 30,000 tons in 1946, and the price had increased 100 per cent.

Full-scale
U.S. coal
strike seen

Pittsburgh, February 5.

John L. Lewis' 400,000 soft coal miners were set tonight for a full-scale walkout which will force President Truman's hand in the explosive coal dispute.

A White House statement said the President's next move depended on how many miners work tomorrow. A survey of soft coal fields indicated that there would be few, perhaps none.

While Lewis has issued no formal strike order, the United Mine Workers president's rejection of Mr. Truman's proposal for a 10-day fact-finding truce was regarded by most miners as a "quit work" signal.

U.M.W. officials reported that their men were feeling ready to force the issue in the eight-month battle for a new contract, raising wages 95 cents a day, increasing royalties for the U.M.W. welfare fund from 20 to 35 cents a ton and strengthening their right to stop work when they are not willing and able.

Adding to pressure on President Truman for direct intervention in the economy-shaking dispute was the critical condition of the nation's coal supplies. Government sources reported less than 10 days' supply on hand.—United Press.

E. GERMAN
MINISTER
ESCAPES

Berlin, February 5.

The East German Christian Democratic Party announced tonight that Gerhard Rohrer, Finance Minister of the Soviet Zone province of Saxony, had fled to Western Berlin. The official announcement said he had escaped.

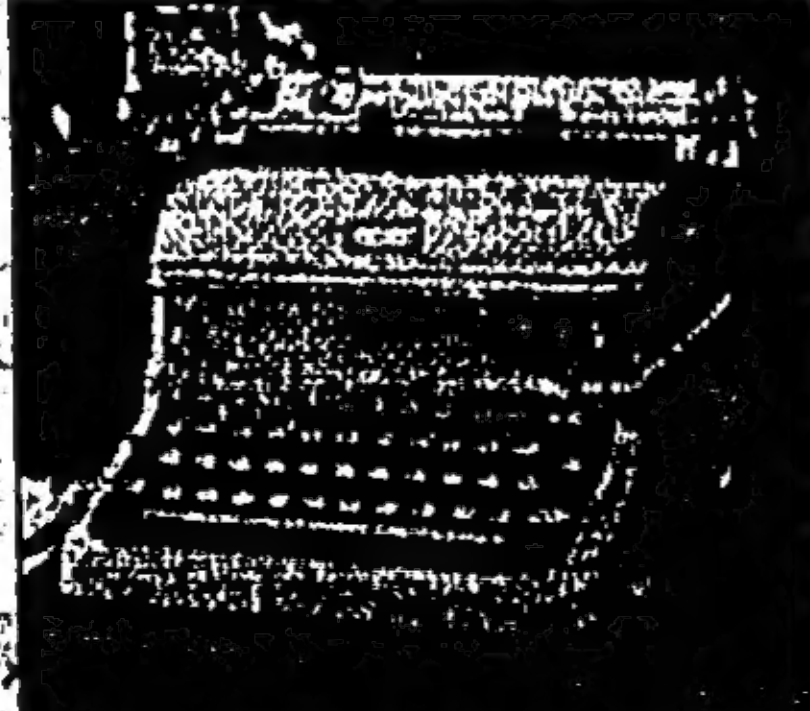
Rohrer was under Communist attack, along with other high officials of the Zone's non-Communist bloc, for allegedly placing Party interests above those of the Communist-run "National Front" of all parties.

Western officials said more than 50 officials had been expelled from the Christian Democratic Union and the Liberal Democratic Party since January 1. The purge is believed to have been designed to prepare the way for a single slate of hand-picked candidates in the Zone elections scheduled for October 18.—United Press.

slightly more, from 100,000 tons in 1948 to 110,000 tons in 1949. The price had increased 200 per cent.—United Press.

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ECONOMIC STRENGTH NEEDED IN ORIENT, TOURING GROUP SAYS

Situation in SE Asia worsening

Bangkok, February 5.
A deteriorating situation in South East Asia confronts American diplomats who will sit down here on February 13 for a widely heralded policy conference.

Some pessimistic observers say when the conference examines their cards they will find the Western powers are holding a losing hand in the game with communism in this part of the world—unless the cards are played more skillfully.

U. S. Roving Ambassador Philip Jessup, after a tour of the Far East, will bring the latest information and impressions.

U. S. Ambassadors from Korea, Ceylon, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand and India and mission chiefs from Saigon, Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Pakistan and Hong Kong will attend the meeting, expected to last four days.

Findings and recommendations will be reported to the U. S. State Department to help determine American policy in the Orient.

But some skilled onlookers already say privately events are stacked so strongly in favour of Communism in this area South of China that the Western powers would do well to write off the area for the time being and prepare for the day when democratic influences might stand a chance of returning.

Most diplomats do not anticipate a direct Chinese Communist army invasion of South-east Asia. But huge Communist Chinese forces are on the Yunnan and Kwangtung borders of Burma and Indo-China and these observers do not care to ignore the possibility of such an invasion.

Call to youth

Meanwhile, Fuo Mo-jo, leading Chinese leftist writer who is also president of the "Committee of Defenders of the Peace," today called upon the youth of South East Asia to rise up and overthrow their governments in order to contribute toward world lasting peace.

The call was issued over Peking Radio to mark the observation of "International Day of Struggle Against Colonial Regimes" on February 21.

Kuo told his "Dear young friends" that the Chinese people salute the heroic youths and students who are "fighting against imperialism for their national liberation." He urged them to "rally all patriotic young people and closely unite with all anti-imperialist forces... in order finally to overthrow the reactionary rule of the imperialists and their lackeys."

The appeal said the youths should support the more than 10,000,000 Chinese living in Malaya, the Philippines, Siam, Australia and Vietnam who are suffering "discrimination, maltreatment and killing by the imperialists and their lackeys."—United Press.

Beatification of Spanish nun

Vatican City, February 5.
Hundreds of Spanish pilgrims were among the groups that thronged St. Peter's Basilica today for the beatification of a Spanish nun, Maria Desolata Torres.

It was the second beatification ceremony of the Catholic Church's 25th Holy Year. The first was that of the Roman priest, Vincenzo Pallotti, last month.

Thousands of electric candles in the crimson-draped Basilica lit up giant tapestries depicting miracles performed by the nun as the Prefect of Vatican ceremonies read out the Pope's letter announcing the beatification.

The Blessed Maria Desolata Torres Acosta, who, with today's ceremony, has reached the first step towards being proclaimed a saint, was born in Madrid in 1826. When she was only 24, she began working among the many sick and old people who lived in wretched huts on the outskirts of Madrid. By the time she was 30 she had founded the Institute of the Servants of Mary, devoted to the cause of the poor and the sick.

In 1871 the Blessed Maria left Spain for Santiago, Cuba, with a group of nuns to found a new house. Later, the congregation spread to North America. She died in Madrid in 1907.—Reuters.

Manila, February 6.
Leaders of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, on their friendship tour, said today that the Orient must be made strong economically if the United States is to retain its prestige, and democracy is to flourish in this part of the world.

Members of the delegation, nearing the end of a one-month trip, said in an interview that they found excellent prospects for trade with Japan, Korea and the Philippines but emphasised that trade must be on the basis of mutual advantage.

"We cannot continue to sell to these countries unless we also buy from them," said George Story, manager of the Seattle Chamber's world trade department, said.

Sol G. Levy, chairman of the Chamber's tour, added that trade with the Far East must be over a "two-way lane of traffic and we have to keep it clear."

Both advocated United States help for non-competing industries in Far Eastern countries. They said all the three nations visited since their trip began on January 15 are rich in possibilities for such non-competing trade with America.

Levy said, "People out here want help—not charity. There is no use preaching to them. We should tell them of their big opportunities and show them how to make most of them. They need to produce more."

Must be limited

Story listed sea foods, hardwood, pearls and objects of Japanese culture as the best possibilities for sale in the American North West. He and Levy recognised that Japanese imports must be limited for some time to essential goods.

"Japan must be put on a sustaining basis," Levy said.

He said that the Japanese are more free now than ever in history and that future relations with the United States depended upon the Japanese youth being educated to the modern Western trend of thought.

Levy said the Japanese have only one fear—that they will lose General MacArthur.

The Chamber's leaders thought that the Japanese yen would be stabilised in relation to the dollar by March 30.

They said they gained this impression from officials in General MacArthur's Headquarters.

Levy said Korea offers tremendous prospects for external trade although in some respects it is competing with Japan for foreign markets.

He pointed out that Korea is already showing great progress in the production of textiles, sea foods, rice, hard coal and furs.

He said that lack of shipping and political division are the big handicaps which Korea must overcome. In the case of the former, the Chamber delegates said they are arranging for a ship to call at a Korean port to give that country a highway to the rest of the world.

He said Korea has been slow to realise its tourist trade opportunities.

Temporary halt

Story and Levy both said that Philippine import and exchange controls have brought the Philippine trade to a temporary halt but agreed that such controls are necessary and should be encouraged for the benefit of the nation's economy.

Levy thought that the Philippines has nothing to worry about in the long run because of its natural wealth and productive potential. Levy said, "Britain, with its 50,000,000 is in a plumb state compared to the Philippines with its 10,000,000."

The visitors thought that the United States in some respects missed the boat in failing to give

the Philippines sufficient help to ward rebuilding its productive facilities, but said it was not too late to remedy that.

They opined that one of the Philippines' biggest threats is inflation.

Story predicted that Seattle would get a much bigger share of the Philippine shipping trade in the future even though San Francisco port would continue to get the biggest portion.

The Seattle delegation is leaving on Wednesday for Honolulu where they will spend several days before returning home on February 15.—United Press.

Chinese to be deported from P.I.

Manila, February 6.
Eighteen Chinese, including four who were convicted of spreading Communist propaganda in Batangas Province schools, are to be deported to Taipei, Taiwan, today, the "Manila Bulletin" said.

The Government refused to confirm a "Bulletin" story which quoted Intelligence sources of the Philippines armed forces as saying the Chinese would be put on board a Nationalist plane for Taiwan because other Chinese ports are closed.

Another 14 were convicted of crimes ranging from aiding the illegal entry of other Chinese, to murder. Their sentences include deportation.

Philippines civil and military authorities are debating a plan to force the registration of all aliens in the Islands in an effort to discover illegal entrance, particularly Chinese who are known to have landed in large numbers without passports or with illegally issued papers.—Associated Press.

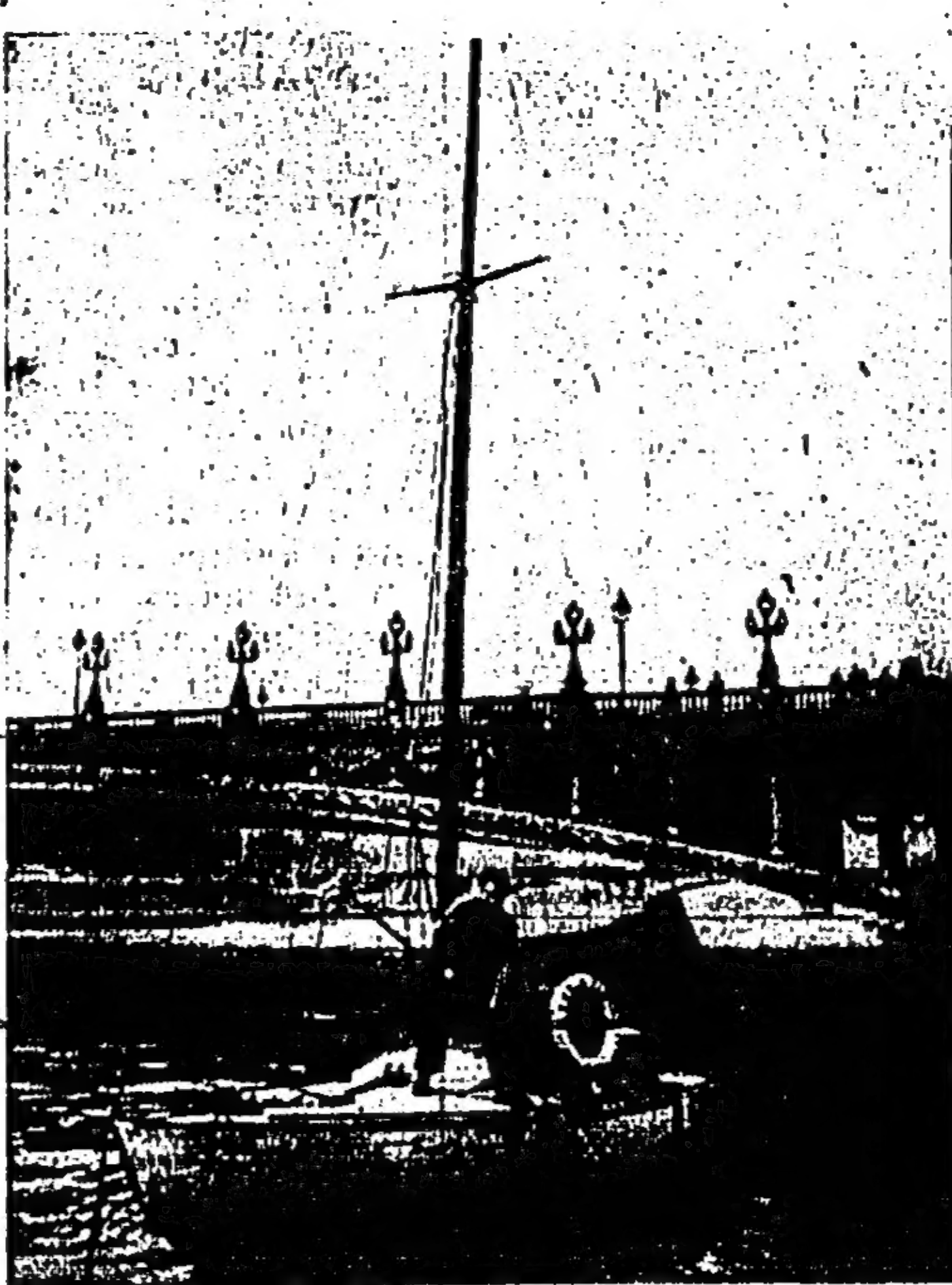
Fire sweeps city in Philippines

Manila, February 6.
Six hundred persons were homeless after fire raged through the Eastern section of Cabanatuan, capital of Nueva Ecija province, for several hours last night.

Shortly after the blaze started at 7 p.m., residents of other parts of the city were thrown into a panic when a large quantity of small arms ammunition in a Constabulary warehouse began exploding. Many feared that the explosions, which were making a loud noise, were making a raid.

No injuries were reported.

Firemen said the flames apparently started in a small house with a thatched roof and spread rapidly. More than 100 homes were destroyed. There was no estimate of damage.—Associated Press.



Marcel Bardiaux, a 30-year-old Frenchman from Clermont Ferrand, intends to leave Paris in a 30-foot sailing boat which he built himself and will sail alone round the world. His route, which will take him round both Cape Horn and the Cape of Good Hope, will cover 75,000 miles and he expects the voyage to last three years. Photo shows Marcel Bardiaux with his little craft "Quatro Vents" (the Four Winds), on the Seine below the Alexandre III Bridge in Paris.—(AP Photo).

Bidault due to fill vacancies

Paris, February 5.
The Prime Minister, M. Georges Bidault, reshuffling his Cabinet after the resignation of five Socialist Ministers on Friday, said tonight he hoped to fill the vacant posts tomorrow. Informed quarters here said that M. Bidault was planning to replace the Socialists by members of his own Party, the Popular Republicans, and Radicals. He has no intention of asking Right-wing parties to join the new Cabinet, these sources said.

M. Bidault had a 90-minute discussion earlier today with M. Henri Queuille, former Radical Prime Minister.

The Executive and Parliamentary group of the Socialist Party tonight reaffirmed that their absence from the Government did not necessarily mean that they would oppose M. Bidault's Cabinet in Parliament.

"The Socialists do not intend to give up the battle which they have led together with all Republicans and the Democrats," a resolution said. "We do not belong to those who desert the battlefield in difficult moments."

Success seen

After the meeting with M. Bidault, M. Queuille told reporters that he was convinced that the French Premier would succeed.

Radical support is indispensable to the proposed Centre-Right combination which will face the test of a vote of confidence in the National Assembly on Tuesday.

The chief difficulty in enlisting Radical aid is a bill re-establishing free collective bargaining over wages. The Radicals object to it as virtually authorising political strikes.

The Communists and Socialists support the bill. The Socialists withdrew from M. Bidault's 14-week-old Coalition after disagreement over the scope of a bonus to be paid to low wage earners and intended to tide them over until the bill was passed.

Later today well-informed sources said that M. Bidault has offered the Ministry of the Interior to M. Queuille who is holding the post of Deputy Premier in the present Government.

M. Queuille has not yet replied to the invitation, it was stated. These sources added that M.

Yacht with German crew in England

Southampton, February 5.
The 230-ton British motor yacht, My Evangeline, whose owner paid off his British crew in Bremerhaven and hired 11 Germans, arrived at Southampton today to prepare for a voyage to Malta and the West Indies.

The owner, Mr. Frederick Sydney Cotton, aged 54, described as a company director, visited the yacht when she arrived and told newspapermen: "This German crew really works and are no trouble at all. There is wonderful discipline among them. If you told one to jump overboard at seven in the morning you could wait for the splash."

Mr. Cotton said he did not try to get a British crew because all the best seamen were engaged.

He said that there were two former U-boat commanders among the crew but refused to divulge their names. "I do not want them pestered," he said. "The war is over and we should not blame all the Germans."

After cruising in the Mediterranean Mr. Cotton will go to the West Indies, where he said he hoped to complete some business and had a factory in view. He is the second British yacht owner who had been reported recently to have taken on a German crew. The other is Mr. R. W. Rickett, a financier whose ketch, Sylvia, is lying off Hamble, Hampshire.—Reuters.

Churchill takes the back seat

Leeds, February 5.
Mr. Winston Churchill's visit barely made a dent into this city's current rage—football.

The leader of the Conservative Party and the Labour Government's Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison picked a difficult time to make their campaign appeals here for the February 23 election.

Mr. Churchill's speech on Saturday drew about 7,000 inside and outside the Town Hall in Victoria Square.

A football game of Leeds United team, at the same time, was watched by at least three times that many. The Leeds United first team was away from home visiting Coventry 4 to 0. Lugging all season, it has recently come to life and aroused rabid response of the town's sportsmen.

In the pubs and clubs, fans replayed the games on Sunday. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Morrison were vague figures.

"The election, that's days away yet," said one lanky Yorkshireman as he lifted his tankard.

"But next Wednesday, our team gets another crack at the Cup Tie."

No audience

Mr. Morrison made the Labour Party's first speech of a broadcast series from a studio without an audience here on Saturday night. He is speaking three times today and has more speaking dates for Monday at Labour Party meetings in this district.

It is difficult to tell just what impact Mr. Churchill's and Morrison's visits have had.

Political observers here believe a majority of the people already have made up their mind how they will cast their ballot. And for that reason, they say politics is not a lively topic of general discussion.

Most of the undecideds appeared to be of the middle class.

"Most of us are Liberals slightly to the left at heart," one of them said, "but we are beginning to wonder what eventually will happen to us."

Leeds had five Labour and one Conservative MPs in the last Parliament. Under redistribution, the city gets one more seat. Of the seven seats at stake in this election, local politicians say two appear safe for the Conservatives and two safe for Labour with the only contest being in the other three.—Associated Press.

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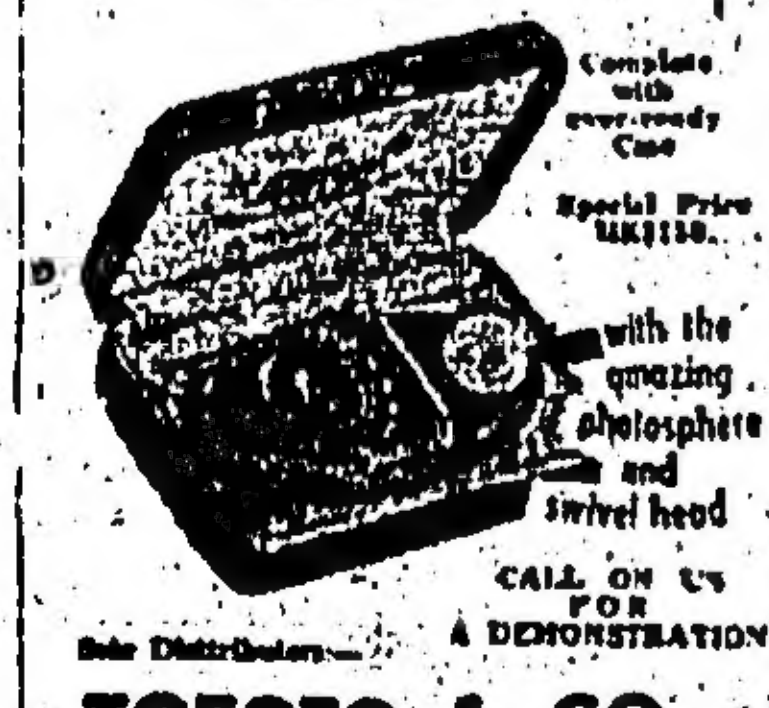
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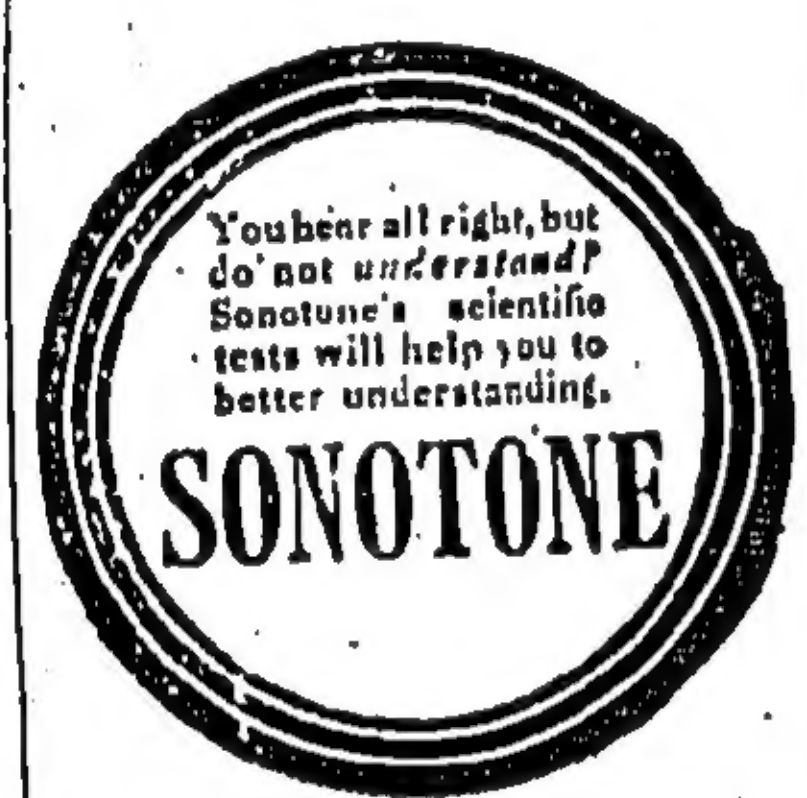
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A novel signpost marks the distances in kilometres to the capitals of the new world from the Departure Square of the camp at Bagnoli, Italy, conducted by the International Refugee Organisation. Standing by the signpost are Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, Director General of the IRO, and Mrs. Kingsley. (Associated Press Photo).

Professional diplomats in U.S. change strategy

Washington, February 5.
Foreigners probably have often wondered how the American Government of recent years has managed to carry on its intense, many-sided activities in foreign affairs without any concerted and damaging public opposition.

President Truman has encountered none of the bitter, widespread antagonism that President Wilson met when he tried to get this country into the League of Nations, yet his involvement in foreign affairs is far more extensive than Wilson's—at a time when many persons in this country have strong feelings on foreign policy, largely a result of the U.S.'s becoming a world power and abandoning its traditional isolationism.

The secret is that the professional diplomats have learned they cannot accomplish anything unless they have the people behind them. They have developed since 1945 an elaborate system for "learning" what the public is thinking, and for telling key people outside the department confidentially what the diplomats know and plan.

A major element in the system is a series of off-the-record conferences in Washington and throughout the country. The press is told nothing about them unless it asks. Then only the names of the conference and the theme of the conference is disclosed. The idea is to keep it all strictly confidential so that both the State Department men and the outside citizens can talk freely.

The Department invites two types of persons: experts on foreign policy—usually university people and writers; and representatives of various segments of the population, and who may or may not be foreign policy experts. The latter include leaders in industry, labour, religion, veteran or fraternal organisations, business, publishing, social welfare and the professions.

The conferences are of two types: (1) where the Department officials just sit and listen and let the guests ask questions; (2) where the Department careerists do most of the talking and then sit on panel discussions among the guests. The latter type of conference is held when a new policy is being formulated or a new study being completed. (Associated Press)

Secret meetings

Some of the most prominent men and women in the nation slip quietly into Washington every week or 10 days for a gathering with State Department officials that lasts two or three days. Sometimes the State Department sends its officials out for similar conferences in different parts of the country.

Each conference has a special subject, such as China, the North Atlantic Pact, the atomic energy programme, military assistance or aid to underdeveloped countries. Usually 35 to 70 persons attend. Twice a year there is a large general conference on the whole foreign policy field, and this is attended by about 255 persons.

Everybody is wishing well

Rome, February 5.

The Italian film director, Roberto Rossellini, said today that he and actress Ingrid Bergman received about 5,000 congratulatory telegrams and messages since the birth of their son on Thursday night.

Rossellini said the "moments came from everywhere." Most of them were from people we did not know.

Rossellini was the Sunday morning visitor at the Villa Margherita clinic, where Mrs. Bergman is confined. Hospital sources said Mrs. Bergman and her son are in good health.

United Press

Alleged attempt to halt pro-Franco trend in U.S.

Madrid, February 5.
The Falangist (Spanish Fascist) newspaper "Arriba," today published the alleged facsimile of a letter from the Spanish Socialist leader, Indalecio Prieto, appealing to M. Leon Blum, veteran French Socialist, for a personal effort to halt the "pro-Franco" trend in Washington.

The publication of the alleged 80-page, confidential letter, crammed with spicy gossip and intimate references regarding the efforts of Spanish exiles to overthrow General Franco, was regarded by some observers as an attempt to discredit Don Juan, the Spanish Pretender, by "revealing" a close connection with Spanish exiled Socialists.

"Arriba" did not explain how the letter, dated November 23, 1949, came into its possession. The alleged letter said that London would "continue its attempt to attack the economy" of the Franco regime, and added, "I am very grateful for all that the British Labour Party has tried to do, and recently their efforts have favoured us including those of the branches of their Intelligence services."

"But it is Washington which interests us from the point of view of victory. And in Washington the influence of the British Labour Party and particularly of Mr. Bevin is declining quickly."

"Of course, Dean Acheson is still in his post and Premier Attlee himself is certain that London can count on him because he is almost as British as he is American."

"Very British"

"I know he is very British without any need for the 'almost'. Bevin confirmed this to me and this is due to the fact that the Acheson family was originally British and not very long ago."

Prieto also said in the alleged letter that the help they were getting from the Spanish monarchists was important for the influence they wielded rather than their numbers. "But," he added, "latest information from Estoril—"

the residences in Portugal of Don Juan—was that Spanish aristocrats had sent "pessimistic reports" on support for a restoration among leaders of the Spanish church, industry, banks, universities and judiciary.

Prieto said that American military men were mainly responsible for the change in American opinion towards Spain and referred to a section of the American cotton trade as yielding a pro-Franco influence.

The letter caused much controversy in the Spanish capital today. Many doubted its authenticity while others claimed they recognized in its raucous and salty comment a style characteristic of Prieto.

"Arriba" said: "The letter shows that certain alleged monarchists are now arm in arm with Prieto, who was the man who led the campaign of calumny and insult against the late King Alfonso XIII."—Reuter.

SHOCKS NOTED AT FORDHAM

New York, February 5.

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Yugoslav Press objects to "Time" report

Belgrade, February 5.
Yugoslavia's official Press today accused the "Valdian" "Time" magazine, the "Chicago Tribune" and the Hearst newspapers of conducting a co-ordinated campaign against Yugoslavia on charges of anti-Catholic persecution.

The newspaper "Borba," voice of Tito's Government, denounced in particular an article written by "Time's" chief Paris correspondent, Andre Laguerre, after an 18-day visit to Belgrade in which he reviewed conditions in Yugoslav slavs.

According to Borba, Laguerre wrote, "The Church is persecuted. The Catholic Church is subjected to most dreadful terror. Thousands of priests are arrested and subjected to terror and forced to confess."

The Yugoslav newspaper said that Laguerre's report does "not deserve serious attention because we knew when he came to Belgrade, how and what he was going to write" and that he came here with a "more or less finished article dictated by his chief," "Time" Editor Henry Luce.—Associated Press.

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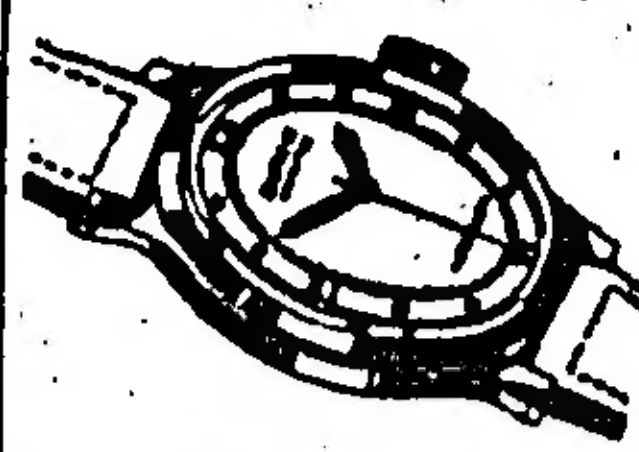
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Sports Pause



Aussies shine in Empire Games Capture four out of five rowing events

Auckland, February 6.
Australia again dominated the Empire Games rowing events today winning four of the five, rowing stroke for stroke with the New Zealand crew over the last four hundred metres. They won by a foot in six minutes and 27 seconds. England's eight, short of practice due to the late arrival of their boat, were three lengths away, third and last.

RUGBY MATCH REVIEWED

(By JAMES BOYD)

At Sookunpoo in the last game of the Rugby Tournament the Army were hosts to the Club, and a draw each side scoring a try, was a fair result to a game which, interesting and exciting.

Both sides had their chances, but Club had by far the greater part of the play and for three parts of the second half were encamped about the Army 25.

It was at this time that Army were at their best, for resolute tackling they kept the Club out, although it was admitted that Club, apart from one or two thrusts by Nolin, did not appear to have the necessary guile or skill to beat good tackling.

Club were handicapped by J. Henderson's poor service to Nolin. His delivery was often short, due to the fact that only one hand does the work when he passes. Consequently, Nolin was slowed up and had not enough room to elude the Army wing-forward or get into his stride, so that D. Henderson and Turville, who, incidentally, seems to have lost some of his confidence, were bottled up before they could get moving.

One real chance

On the wings both D. Stewart and De Rome performed adequately, but the ball did not run Stewart's way and he got only one real chance to show his speed. When he found that he could not break through Gower, De Rome's sole gambit appeared to be a short kick ahead, of little use against so sound a full-back as Smyth. Into the bargain he riled the crowd by what they evidently considered two pieces of unnecessarily rough play. Lachlan had a grand game at full-back, for even though he was inclined to kick across the ball, and hook it or slice it, his handling was first-class. He was never out of position, and he very courageously stopped several Army full rushes. One wonders whether Nolin did not make a tactical error in not changing him with J. Henderson, as he is a useful scrum-half, and Henderson's ability at full-back is well known.

On the Army side the backs with a very limited service from the scrums, looked penetrative, and made ground whenever they got the ball. In contrast to the Club, Goldschmidt, who had a very good game, gave Wilson plenty of room with long smooth passes and Wilson played well enough, his handling being very good.

McNab and Spiller played well—they defended heroically and looked dangerous in possession. Spiller had one glorious cut-through, but with McNab and Gower outside him, and only Lachlan to beat, threw a pass somewhere in the region of McNab's feet. Brown was unimpressive but competent, and Gower was the best three-quarter on the field. He brought De Rome down time after time when Club were attacking, before the latter could get moving, and he stopped several attempts by J. Henderson to go round the blind side near the line. In attack he was always looking for a gap, and made the most of his limited opportunities.

The forwards

It is difficult to sum up the forwards. In the main Club gained possession from about two-thirds of the scrums and line-outs, and also more often in the loose scrums.

This would appear to suggest that the Army pack were well beaten, but they were not. They battled hard all the way, with Tapscott and Bradley scrumming hard and working like Trojans, and held their own in all phases of the game save in the most important function of securing possession. They were the liveliest

The Australian Olympic sculling champion, Maryn Wood, won the Singles Scull in seven minutes and 45.9 seconds, beating Anthony Rowe of England by two and a half lengths. Later, Wood paired with M. Riley, to win the Double Scull for Australia in seven minutes and 22 seconds, beating the New Zealand pair by four lengths.

Australia's fourth success was in the coxswains pairs, J. Webster and W. Lambert beating the New Zealanders, the Gouds by four lengths in eight minutes and ten seconds.

New Zealand won the other event—the fours with cox—heating Australia by two lengths in seven minutes and 74 seconds.

All events were over a straight 2,000 metres course.

Road cycle race

In Auckland an estimated crowd of 60,000 lined the city and country roads to witness the 100 kilometres road cycle race, won by H. Sutherland of Australia in three hours, 13 minutes and 8.4 seconds.

The race was a triumph for the sprinting ability of the Australian side at the end of the gruelling 12 lap event.

Entering the final lap, the British riders, M. Campbell and A. Newman were in the lead, but were beaten at the run in by three Australians and a New Zealand rider.

In a great finish, Sutherland just held on to resist the challenge of the New Zealand champion, T. Carter. J. Fowler of Australia was third. Seven of the original 13 starters completed the course.

Weight lifting

Ho Fook-hing of Malaya, beat his own British Empire press record in winning the bantamweight division of the Empire Games weight lifting contests today.

In his press attempts, Hung lifted 410 pounds but this although a new record, will not be recognised as an Empire record because only two of the three judges agreed, but another press of 200 pounds will be recognised. His previous record was 190 and a half pounds.

With a snail of 105 pounds and a jerk of 230 pounds, Hung won the event with a total of 655 pounds.

Smith of Canada, with 180 for press, 190 for snatch and 245 for a jerk, was second with a total of 615 pounds. K. Caple of Australia, pressed 170, snatched 240 and jerked 240 for a total of 650 pounds.

Another Malayan, Koh Eng Tong, won the featherweight title with a total of 685 pounds. J. G. 615 pounds. E. England, 670 pounds. South Africa, was third with 640 pounds.

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SPORTS GOSSIP

Who among the local sportsmen has not heard of China's Football "Idol" when he was in his prime in the 1930's? Who has not heard of the "Brown Bomber" also in the 1930's, but how many of Hong Kong's sporting elite remember certain events nearer home during 1932 which led to the "birth" of a new sport in the Colony and now has a following numbering thousands?

During the late Autumn and early Spring of 1932, two men visited various Clubs in the Colony and played exhibition games of "Shuttlecock" which is now called "Badminton".

The two pioneers of Hong Kong Badminton, which, after an initial different contest on like a house on fire among the young and old of this continent of the East, were Denis H. Hazell, now President of the Hong Kong Badminton Association and Stewart A. Oliveira, present Honorary Secretary of the Association.

Lately, the sport has become the game of the slow and "clay" and meant only for old men and young boys. The main obstacles which the two men had to overcome.

However, after an exhibition game at the Club de Recreio in 1932, they won over many converts among whom were M. A. Oliveira, present Honorary Secretary of the Association, Souza, Dick Alves, J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho.

With these sporting stalwarts expounding the good points of the game, Badminton gained popularity, but as Denis Hazell puts it, "it was all uphill pushing".

The first Colony Inter-Club Badminton game was played between Club de Recreio and the Kowloon Cricket Club in 1933, which Recreio won. Unfortunately a complete list of the players in the game cannot be given as the KCC team members were not known.

In 1936, the Shanghai Badminton Single Champion A. G. Melo arrived in Hong Kong and M. A. Oliveira and he played in an exhibition match. This game aroused great interest and in the following year an Interport (the Colony's only Badminton Interport) was arranged with Bangkok.

Hong Kong was represented by Patrick H. Wong and M. A. Oliveira in the Singles and Patrick H. Wong and P. K. Hiu and J. J. Remedios, M. A. Oliveira in the Doubles. Hong Kong won the series by four sets to two.

Badminton enthusiasts were given a treat in 1948 when they had the opportunity of seeing the Malayan Champions, Ooi Teck-hock and Wong Peng-soon (who later proved that they were among the world's best exponents of the shuttle) in action against local players. They played several exhibition matches with local players at Recreio and among those who took part were Low and So of the Hong Kong University and M. A. Oliveira of Club de Recreio.

In 1934, after two years the game had won enough followers to justify competition among various Clubs.

The Men's Doubles "A" and "B" Division Leagues as well as a Mixed Doubles and Ladies Singles Leagues came into existence.

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Dr. Mackie wins Junior Golf Championship

Dr. J. B. Mackie won the Junior Championship for the second consecutive year when he defeated Mr. T. A. Butler in the 36-hole final at Fanling on Sunday by 6 and 5. Mr. W. O. Davies (7) won this month's qualifying competition for the Captain's Cup. A. Duffy (14) who returned a card of 72 not also qualified.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Davos, Switzerland, February 6.

Three British skaters swept through the International Figure Skating Championships for women at Davos today, winning the first three places against 14 other competitors from England, Switzerland, Belgium and Austria.

Jennette Altwegg of Liverpool, the British champion, was first with 159.9 points. Barbara Wynnt was second with 152.3 points and Valda Osborne was third with 148.5 points.—Associated Press.

Budapest, February 5.

F. Soos (Hungary) and Richard Bergmann (Britain) will contest the final of the Men's Singles event in the world table tennis championships here tonight.

In the semi-finals Soos beat Andreass (Czechoslovakia) 21-4, 21-19, 20-22, 18-21, 21-14. Bergmann beat Sidlo (Hungary) 21-15, 21-18, 18-21, 25-23.—Reuter.

Ostend, February 5.

Judges at the Aik France Cup skiing competition here changed their decision after announcing the winner of the women's combined downhill and slalom event. Earlier the judges had announced Mile Edmee Abetel of Switzerland, as the winner, with 4.71 penalty marks, and Mile Patricia de Surmont, of France, second with 4.73 penalty marks.

The judges, after a reconsideration of the penalties, officially corrected their decision and made Mile Surmont the winner with 4.53 marks and Mile Abetel second with 4.55 marks.—Reuter.

Manila, February 5.

Mrs. Weiss, of the Argentine, and Mrs. Molero, of the Philippines, today won the ladies doubles title in the Philippines Lawn Tennis Championships here.

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Sports personality

Rifleman MacGregor going strong at 39

Thirty-nine years of age and soon a father of three may be the time for many a local sportsman to retire from the field. But for Rifleman MacGregor of the Camerons, life was only just begun.

Footballer, hockey player, track sprinter, boxing champion and, above all, veteran of more than 1,000 ring fights, the wee Scotsman (of the fly weight bantam weight class) is as fit as ever. He demonstrated his ring science to good effect against a teen age opponent recently in the 40 Division boxing championship which earned him the rousing cheer of the crowd if not the title.

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FLEET SAILING NOTES

Last Saturday's glassy calm did not deter five dinghies and seven whalers from competing to the starting line in the hope of a race. The gun was fired, but the tide proved stronger than will-power, which was the only other influence available, though "Hart's" whaler doggedly anchored to wait for a wind which came only too late. The races had to be abandoned at 4.15 p.m.

Sunday, at last, brought sun and wind and an encouraging turn-out in both classes. It also seemed to bring out even more junkies and ferries than usual, the whalers especially, the lookouts' job was no rest cure. In the strong ebb tide the ships were swung across the wind and there were baffling patches of calm under their lee.

At the Eastern end of the course several boats were not giving the tide its due, and made further to windward than they needed to weather No. 4 buoy.

The dinghy race was won easily by "Jamaica" 2; but there was a long fight for second place between "Black Swan" and "Concord". "Morecambe Bay" swamped a breezy day's only casualty. The field of six boats was the largest seen so far.

"Black Swan" having failed to get away in time, "Dampier's" surf whaler, under 10 per cent handicap, was in front all the way, but her lead did not increase as the race progressed and it was not nearly enough to save her time.

She had had luck with the junkies and lost a lot on the first lap by coming too close under the lee of "Green Ranger". It was noticeable that in a good breeze she gains little over the Montagu whalers on a windward leg.

The remainder resolved into two groups. In each the order was frequently changing, but "Alacris" kept her challenge at the end and maintained her recent record with a well-deserved win. The only boat to be disqualified was "Maline", which collided with "Hart" under the noses of the committee.

Dinghy results: 1st "Jamaica" 2 (Mr. Jupp and A.B. Hitchens) 500 pts. 2nd "Black Swan" (P.O. Lock 478, 3rd "Concord" (A.B. Baker) 576. 4th "Jamaica" 1 (A.B. Griffiths) 480. 5th "Tamar" (Ldg. Tel Mathewson) 388. D.N.F. "Morecambe Bay" (A.B. Orden).—Whaler results: 1st "Alacris" (P.O. Williams) 882 pts. 2nd "Whiteland" (Mr. Clark) 776. 3rd "Concord" (Mr. Clark) 690. 4th "Morecambe Bay" (P.O. Goodall) 610. 5th "Hart" 2 (L. Jameson) 532. 6th "Jamaica" 1 (Mr. Fox) 460. 7th "Jamaica" 2 (Sergt. Rowberry, R.M.) 391. 8th "Dampier" 1 (A.B. Bridge) 328. D.S.C. "Maline".

"Alacris's" winning crew were Able Seamen James, Pearce, Atkins and Shane.

HOCKEY TRIALS

The Hong Kong Interport Hockey Trial, which was to have been held yesterday at Sookunpoo was postponed till next week.

against Sweden's 1 hr. 20 mins. 6 secs.

Excitement at the closeness of the contest built up as Vallonen and Astrom came in at the first half.

Dahl, running second for Norway, lost a little more time on the Flans and the Swedes, being 3 mins. 22 secs. behind at the end of the second leg.

The runners for the leading teams on the third leg were: Finland: